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Island hosts fundraiser in memory of Chris

FRIENDS of the late Chris Jones are holding a fundraiser called 'Hedgefest' in his memory, at Barry Island Sports and Social Club on August 22.

Chris's nickname was Hedgehog – he was a local animal welfare volunteer, a musician and poet.

He died at the age of just 46 on May 22, and there was a huge turnout at his funeral recently at the United Reform Church on Windsor Road.

His mother Jean told The GEM: "He was unbelievably talented in both poetry and music – and I'm not just saying that because I'm his mum!"

Jean also explained that his love of animals began at a very young age.

"When he was three, we lived on The Parade, near the Old Harbour. He went missing, only to be found at the Knap feeding the swans.

"This was a sign of his love of nature and animals which never ceased.

"From an early age he had a thing about birds – small, big, or injured. He and his brothers brought them home, and fed them worms and bread and milk, until they were strong enough to leave."

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

In adulthood, Chris went on to work as a volunteer with Barry Swan Rescue Centre, and in September 2006, he was featured in The GEM after the centre nursed an injured raven back to health – Chris and colleague Paul Bird took 'Merlin' up to a new home at the Tower of London.

Jean said: "Through poetry, Chris expressed his many experiences in life. The good times and the bad.

"His proudest moment was the birth of his daughter, Carys Natalie, who was named by him. On the day she was born, he wrote the first of many poems dedicated to her, scribbled on the cover of the medical booklet.

"His happiest days were spent as a volunteer at Barry Swan Rescue.

"Chris was in his element – picking up strays, getting them well, and returning them to their natural habitat.

"His greatest achievement was taking Merlin, the raven, to the Tower of London. The raven still lives there – although it was discovered 'he' was a 'she' – but they decided to keep the name!

"People will also remember his love of dogs

especially his own dog, Celt.

"Chris was extremely proud of his Welsh roots, and spoke a bit of the language. He loved to watch the Welsh rugby and football teams."

Ann Bird, the founder of Barry Swan Rescue Centre, said she had very fond memories of Chris.

"He really mucked in at the centre and would jump into lakes to rescue birds.

"Chris also looked after the rescue centre to allow us to go on holiday.

"Going up to the Tower of London with Paul was one of the best days of his life.

"He had a great sense of humour – you could take the mickey out of him and he would take the mickey out of you. He got on with everyone and will be missed very much."

Chris slipped away very peacefully on May 22, but he has not been forgotten by the local community, and Hedgefest, at which local bands and his friends will perform, aims to raise funds for YMCA in his memory.

The event is being held at Barry Island Sports and Social Club, Redbrink Crescent on Friday, August 22, at 7pm. Tickets are £5 each.



ABOVE:

Chris Jones was a well known local character in the town and is pictured here with his dog Celt.

Vale MP wins promotion

LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has been made a Wales Office Minister and a Government Whip by the Prime Minister, David Cameron.

It makes him the first MP from the area to play a part in the UK Government since at least before Sir Raymond Gower in 1951 and Dorothy Rees DBE in 1950, and he becomes Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales.

The Vale MP said it was a privilege

to have the opportunity to play a bigger role in government decision-making.

"I am absolutely delighted to have been appointed to the Wales Office and to have been made a Government Whip.

"These roles give me an opportunity to ensure Wales is at the heart of government decision-making.

"My focus in Barry and across the rest of the Vale will remain and I plan to double my activity to do all I can to continue to serve local residents."



Alun Cairns

First World War

THE centenary of the start of the First World War will be commemorated soon, and The GEM is keen to hear from readers who have family connections or interesting stories relating to it.

At the time there was barely a family in the land left untouched by the so called 'war to end all wars' and its consequences still live with us today.

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'Top class care at Princess of Wales hospital'

THE Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend has had some negative publicity lately and I want to tell you of my recent, very positive experience.

I have had a minor eye problem which entailed a day admission for a small oculoplastic operation under local anaesthetic.

My stay was carried

out with the utmost efficiency and the staff, from the consultant surgeon right through to every nurse and orderly and the administrative staff, were extremely considerate and caring.

In the past, I have had some private medical treatment, but this was as good, or better than that.

My thanks to the eye unit for their excellent service.

Heather March,
Llantwit Major.

Parking charge, £1 for six minutes!

ON Saturday, July 5, I went to collect my daughter from Cardiff Airport – I was there for six minutes and had to pay £1.

I felt this was expensive, and not only that, the system of paying was not that efficient – putting your ticket in, then taking it over to the booth to pay back for the car to get out – surely there must be a more simple method in this day and age?

The airport must be making a good profit on its car park, if not on its flights.

Tina Wride,
Pendoylan

Victim of its own success

ARGUMENTS in favour of building on Darren Farm in particular, but also other places in the Vale, seem to be based on two premises...

One is that the houses are needed. Even if true, this could be met by building on the airfield, with the bonuses of tidying it up and preserving agricultural

land. What happened to Cowbridge during the 1960s was the bypass, allowing shoppers to cross the high street safely.

This one-off improvement is now threatened by its own success as the road is in danger of becoming clogged up once again.

The other premise is that more is better – which does not really require comment, **R Bradshaw, Cowbridge.**

'Carbuncle on the cliff'

FURTHER to Ron Powell's justified complaint in last week's GEM, there is an even worse example of ugly street furniture newly placed at Friars' Point on the cliffs.

This is a truly beautiful spot, with panoramic views across

the water to the hills opposite.

When it first appeared a few days ago, even my dog growled at it (having better taste than the council) and was reluctant to pass.

It is an eyesore that should be removed forthwith – have CADW given their approval to the erection of this carbuncle?

Mac Tanner,
Barry

Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, Don John, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk

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Barrage lock-out that could have put lives at risk

WE sailed our small boat from Minehead to Cardiff on Thursday, leaving at 3am to catch the last of the incoming tide.

On arrival, a few hours later off Penarth pier, we called barrage control to request access through the lock to Cardiff Bay and were told by the staff at this normally excellent service that they were on strike.

They said the lock would only be operated in an emergency and suggested we went to Barry, or tie up in the outer harbour for 15 hours until midnight.

One of our crew was returning to London, and going ashore near low water in an area not designed for such a landing looked impractical, so we decided to sail to Barry.

By the time we reached Sully island, the wind had increased to westerly force six (a

yachtsman's gale!) so it became a bumpy journey.

Fortunately, we found a mooring in Barry harbour and the Barry Yacht Club members who greeted us were, without exception, friendly and helpful.

But the barrage closure and denial of access to Cardiff from the sea could potentially cause decisions to be made which would put lives at risk.

This is also a further reminder that the great feature which lies virtually unused at the heart of Barry – the number one dock – could become such a vibrant addition to the town and a true alternative to Cardiff.

Simon Toner,
Barry.

'One way to cure traffic problems

BEING a regular visitor to Jenner Park School, Barry, I have the utmost sympathy for the residents of Hannah Street and adjoining side streets with chronic traffic problems.

A relief road through the council depot site to cure the problems? I have grave doubts this will work.

To begin with, it will take years to materialise (Barry Island relief road springs to mind).

There will be surveys, feasibility studies and substantial traffic management changes required at the Gladstone Road junction roundabout, as well as the Barry Road traffic light junction.

No doubt the Vale has already decided to saturate an already busy area with additional housing (that will bring additional traffic issues) hoping that part of any contract awarded (probably Newydd) will incorporate a relief road.

Surely the quickest, easiest and most cost

effective solution would be to adopt systems that exist for those side streets between Woodlands Road and Holton Road and Salisbury Road and Park Crescent?

Designate Hannah Street and adjoining streets one-way in alternate directions, thus eliminating the current bottlenecks that occur.

This will then offer the Vale the opportunity to be innovative and use their initiative (don't hold your breath) to use the site for the benefit of the residents in the locality.

What better than building a complex alongside the current sports facilities for a variety of indoor sports, areas for local groups/organisations to provide classes/sessions to cover leisure time activities, plus a cafe corner where lo

Come on Vale, time to think of the local community and not yet another refurbishment of your chambers.

Stewart LI Francis,
Barry

Heartbreaking loss of wildlife

HOW right you were Mr Randall Pratt, when you wrote a letter to The GEM entitled 'Loss of hedges behind vanishing wildlife'.

I was also concerned and tried to contact the cemetery manager, who was unavailable.

I spoke to the town clerk about the trees and hedges that were being cut down for the expansion of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. I pointed out

that one tree had nesting wood pigeons and that Government legislation says they should not be cut between February to September (this was in June). My concerns fell on deaf ears and the tree and hedges were gone within days.

I consider both the town council and Vale Council are a law unto themselves. It is heartbreaking that all manner of species have been destroyed and

have declined greatly since the White Farm development, cemetery expansion and soon to be destroyed areas of habitat along the Coldbrook Watercourse and Dyfan Road open space.

Some track record for a council that promote themselves as biodiversity champions who care for wildlife! Just who are they trying to kid?

Tabery, Barry

NO NEED TO EXAGGERATE GREAT WAR CASUALTIES

AS a member of the south Wales branch of the Western Front Association, which raised the funds for the Dragon at Mametz Wood – and still pays to maintain it – I was pleased to see the reference to the battle in Ray Pritchard's poem about the First World War in last week's GEM.

However, I must take issue with him on one point: He says that 4,000 men from Wales perished at Mametz Wood!

I feel the public should know that this is not correct, While the total

casualties were indeed about 4,000 (3,993 is the figure usually given) only – if that is the right word, 602 – were actually recorded as killed, although more were probably died of wounds later.

This sort of error, mixing total casualties of killed, wounded and missing, and assuming all were killed is, regrettably, common.

Many TV programmes still claim that we lost 60,000 dead on the first day of the Battle of the Somme when, again, these were the total casualties with the number killed being about 20,000.

The death tolls in this and, indeed, any war, are dreadful enough and do not need to be exaggerated in this way. Gavin Davies Penmark

Reader defends MP 'When we coped without whinging'

ISEE Mr. G Smith is back on his high horse again, slagging off MP Alun Cairns (GEM letters, last week). Why doesn't he give it a rest and live in the real world?

He made a statement about the Conservative fundraising dinner where guests paid £10,000 for a table; it's obvious he doesn't read the newspapers because Ed Milliband held a similar fundraising dinner, where the guests paid £15,000 for a table.

All of the Labour lovelies attended and there was a raffle held for a ceramic pig with 'vote Labour' on it for £100,000.

He keeps on about

Foodbanks – but who is to blame? Who was in power for 10 years? Who gave all of our money away? The previous Chancellor and then leader, has gone down in history as the worst ever.

The banking collapse didn't help, but that was not our fault, it was worldwide.

How do you think families managed during and after the second world war?

There were no Foodbanks and none of the allowances doled out today – we coped – not by whinging.

So get a life – it's better than living in a country ruled by the unions – because that is the alternative.

Mr.B.Kirke,
Barry

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JULY 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
17 Thur	10.53	9.7	23.13	9.7
18 Fri	11.37	9.2	23.58	9.1
19 Sat			12.29	8.7
20 Sun	00.57	8.6	13.28	8.2
21 Mon	02.04	8.0	14.42	7.8
22 Tues	03.18	7.9	15.58	7.9
23 Wed	04.29	8.2	16.57	8.4
24 Thur	05.33	8.4	17.57	8.6

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Victoria Park fun day takes place this Saturday and... Texans are coming to Barry, as churches unite across the Pond!

CHURCHES in Barry, Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major are about to embark on an exciting new partnership with Christians from Texas.

In recent years, local churches have been at the forefront of important community work including foodbank provisions in Dinas Powys, Barry and Llantwit Major.

The collaboration is expected to last over a number of years.

The Rev Ken Iveson told The GEM: "On top of a growing collaborative work, this summer sees the start of what is hoped to be a long-term partnership with a church from

by GEM REPORTER

Texas, USA.

"We will be saying, 'Howdy' to seven volunteers from North Fort Worth Baptist Church for nine days of community engagement linked to the five churches that currently make up the core Vale group."

"The Texans are led by their senior pastor, Dr. Stephen Lowry, who has travelled to Wales with his wife to get to know the five churches earlier in the year – these are Mount Pleasant Baptist,

Coastlands Family Church, Barry Elim Church, Dinas Powys Baptist Church and Bethel Church in Llantwit Major.

"There is a real excitement about what is developing through

this growing partnership and more churches will join soon."

The opening weekend begins with a youth event on Friday evening, July 18, in Barry, and the following day, Saturday, July 19, is filled with activities, games, food and presentations in Victoria Park, Barry, in conjunction with the local council.

The Victoria Park Fun Day starts at 12 noon and goes on until 4pm and is free.

Rev Iveson said: "This event has been running for a few years and is a firm favourite among Barry locals."

"There is a Texan barbecue in another part of the town that evening and a Sunday celebration service at Victoria Park on Sunday, July 20 at 10.30am."

"The following week sees a children's club being hosted at Bethel Church each week day morning in Llantwit Major, while in the afternoons it is the turn of our Vale senior citizens to have the opportunity of meeting

the team in various care homes across the county.

"On the Saturday, Dinas Powys Parish Hall is hosting a seniors' tea dance, in conjunction with a number of local village churches and the Vale partnership."

"The tea dance is an opportunity to remember the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1. There has been a lot of interest in Dinas Powys and we expect the parish hall to be full."

Youth events are being held on a couple of evenings as well as a business leaders' meeting in Penarth and a church leaders' event and a men's breakfast on the beach at Llantwit Major on Saturday, July 26.

The Summer Mission ends on Sunday, July 27 with the Texan team visiting the five churches and then concluding with a joint service in the evening in Dinas Powys Parish Hall.

The Rev Iveson added: "Everyone is warmly invited to join us and be part of a great Vale Mission with a Texan twist!"

For more details, please visit the Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/mthevalepartnership>

DPVC's AGM

MEMBERS and supporters of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern are invited to the annual general meeting at Murchfield Community Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Thursday, July 24, at 7.30pm.

A copy of the minutes of the last AGM and the agenda for this year's meeting is available from the co-ordinator at the Sunnycroft Lane office. 02920 513700, or email: dpvc@btinternet.com

Also, nomination forms for the election of officers and members of the management committee for the coming year are available. The closing date for nominations will be Monday, July 21.

The chairman, Coun John Fanshaw, extended a warm welcome to all, adding that it was a great opportunity for those involved in the running of the charity, and for supporters and friends, to meet and share thoughts and experiences.

TRANSPLANT UNIT TO BENEFIT... Glenbrook fete to raise vital funds for ECG machine

A summer fete is being held this Saturday, July 19, at the Glenbrook Inn on Dobbins Road, to raise vital funds for Cardiff Transplant Unit.

Liam O'Leary of the Glenbrook told The GEM: "We want to help the unit get an ECG (electrocardiogram) machine. All the fun starts at 2pm and goes on long into the evening."

"There will be a lot of entertainment including Barry's own fantastic reggae band 'Bless' – along with Caribbean food."

The fundraiser was inspired by local resident Julia Brunsell following her sixth 'call' for a pancreas transplant.

Julia, who is a 'brittle diabetic' and has suffered from the illness for over 20 years, said: "I have had a number of calls so far and each time the organ donor hasn't been good enough."

"When I attended in May, the ward's ECG machine wasn't working and it is one of the vital tests to ensure patients are fit for such big surgery. "I thought a fundraising event would be a great way of creating awareness of the problems that the staff at the unit are experiencing."

"I have had great support from friends, the

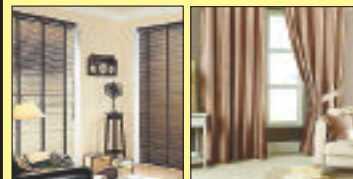
Glenbrook Inn and the community."

So what else is there on the day? A children's disco will be held from 3pm to 4pm, stalls, a bouncy castle, face-painting, glitter tattoos for children, tug of war, hair braiding, sponsored waxing and a raffle.

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Yet again – Cadstock rocks the natives!

BARRIANS turned out in their thousands for the Cadstock festival at Victoria Park last weekend.

Organiser Jon Greatrex told The GEM he thought it was the best event yet.

Ten of the town's best rock and blues bands entertained a capacity crowd and there were an estimated 5,000 visitors over the weekend.

Jon said: "Thank you to everyone who came to Cadstock 2014 – we had a great time and we hope you did too. It certainly seemed like it!"

"The help we had from our event partners, friends and staff made it all go so smoothly."

"It really was a pleasure to organise. A very special thanks to all the bands who came and played. I think it really is one of the best music festivals around."



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Resident's appeal for clean-up services to solve problem of messy pavements

by GEM REPORTER

A Barry resident has appealed to the Vale Council to draft in a cleaning vehicle or litter picker, when rubbish remains on pavements after the bin men have gone.

Mrs Tracey Goffin, who lives on Gladstone Road, says the problem is being caused by ripped bags, and understands that the bin men who are on a tight schedule don't have time to pick up everything strewn over pavements.

The Vale Council says it is working hard to raise 'awareness' on recycling because putting food in black bin bags is a catalyst for the mess.

Speaking to The GEM on Tuesday, Mrs Goffin explained:

"Last Wednesday, we had the bin bags picked up, but some of the contents of ripped bags still remains across the pavement - stale bread, eggs, tin cans.

"Why don't the council send their street cleaning service out directly behind the refuse

collectors? People were walking on the road to avoid the pavement. It is dreadful.

"With the beach huts and work at Barry Island, we are trying to develop our tourism, but people don't want to drive through a major thoroughfare on the way there and see this."

She said she believed that cats sometimes rip the bags and then the seagulls descend, making things worse.

"It is not the bin men's fault. They have a lot to do and don't have time to tidy up what has been fallen out of every ripped bag."

She accepts that part of the problem is people not recycling properly and putting food and tins in black bags when they shouldn't - and that leads to residents enduring an unpleasant environment.

"Perhaps the council should leaflet households where this is happening, to remind them about recycling," she suggested.

The operational manager for waste management for the Vale



ABOVE: Rubbish strewn on Gladstone Road in the last week.

Council, Clifford Parish, said that sometimes 'cleansing teams' do follow the refuse collectors, but he stressed it isn't possible to do that everywhere.

Mr Parish told The GEM: "Any refuse that escapes residents' black bags is litter and our street cleansing team work hard to tackle all littering in the Vale.

"In many parts of the Vale officers in our street cleansing team follow refuse collectors on collection day, but it is not possible for us to do this everywhere."

Mr Parish also emphasised the efforts being made to educate people in the right way to

recycle: "We are currently working very hard to raise awareness within the community of the best way to dispose of various forms of waste, as this is the only way to solve this problem for good.

"We do this at community events, in the local press and via our website and are confident that by combining this with cleansing and enforcement we will see cleanliness standards in the Vale improve."

Car park closed to the joyriders

THE Vale MP Alun Cairns said this week that he had gained agreement from Lidl supermarket to secure their car park in Pencoedre Village, in a bid to combat 'joy riders.'

Residents contacted him to express concern that the car park was being used by a small number of young drivers as a race track. He approached the store to gain agreement to secure it after the supermarket is closed at night.

"I am delighted that the store responded positively and I that this will put residents minds at rest against future joyriders," the MP said.

Hall needs your help!

THE Celtic Way Community Association at Fontygary, which runs the community hall, is looking for volunteers to help out.

The well-used hall is now having the interior decorated. It is a very well-run and used hall, used seven days a week.

If you would like to help, contact David on 01446 71130.

Police Age Concern surgery

RESIDENTS have raised concerns with the Neighbourhood Police team members at a special surgery in Holton Road, Barry.

PCSO Nicola Smith said: "The Age Concern surgeries give people a chance to come along and meet other like minded individuals and speak to officers about any worries or concerns they may have.

"People can also come along for crime prevention help and advice too. Anyone is welcome to attend".

COUPLE MARK 75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Phyllis and Tom Johanson with Coun Chris Franks.

DINAS POWYS couple Phyllis and Tom Johanson, recently celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary and had a visit from the chairman of Dinas Powys Community Council, Coun Chris Franks, who presented the couple with a vase of white flowers.

He said, "It was a wonderful experience to meet up again with Tom and Phyllis. They have experiences in life,

especially during the war, that most of us can only read about. Tom still maintains a beautiful garden that

would be the envy of many. "They are blessed with a loving family and good neighbours."

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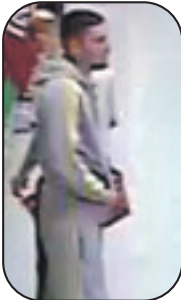


MEMBERS of All Saints Church in Barry (above) travelled to Westminster for a tour of Parliament, arranged by Vale MP Alun Cairns. After completing the tour, many watched a debate in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Bold theft from shop

POLICE in Barry June 8, and made have released the CCTV images of Bold (below) following an incident in which two people entered Poundstretcher at Waterfront Retail Park, at about 3.50pm on Sunday, June 8, and made off with four large boxes of Bold washing powder.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Barry Police on 101, or Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111, quoting 1400201195.



Dinas Powys man sought



Aaron Thompson

POLICE are appealing for information regarding the whereabouts of 30-year-old Aaron Nigel Thompson from Dinas Powys.

Anyone with information as to his whereabouts is asked to contact South Wales Police on 101, quoting number 1400241790. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be contacted free and anonymously, on 0800 555 111; or via their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information

HOW TRAGEDY OF LUSITANIA CAME HOME TO BARRY

by NIC HODGES

2014 is an important year for Barry, its Town Council and our cemetery – we have already decided to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the opening of Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

But it does not end here: 2015 will soon be upon us... In 1915, nearly a year into the Great War, the famous liner RMS Lusitania was sunk by a German U-boat with massive loss of life.

On May 1, 1915, the huge liner Lusitania departed New York en route for Liverpool. On May 7, the German U20 torpedoed Lusitania 11 miles off the old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse.

It sank within 20 minutes in 300 feet of water, killing around 1,200 passengers and crew. There were a reported 764 survivors.

Queenstown in County Cork was reported as resembling a vast morgue, and confusion reigned as the huge job of identifying the victims began.

How does this all relate to Barry and our cemetery? The steamship Kyleford arrived at Barry on May 12, and its Master, Captain Duncan Graham, reported that they had recovered two bodies while on their normal route – one male and one female.

The man was in a lifebelt with the word Lusitania on it and Graham reported that the woman had been found floating face upwards.

Shortly afterwards, Police Inspector Thomas and several constables had the bodies removed to the town mortuary. It was reported that large crowd had gathered on the quayside and on hearing that they were victims of the Lusitania, dock workmen bared their heads and many broke down. The bodies were moved by Messrs. James Jones and Co. of Barry Dock by funeral carriage.

Unfortunately, the woman could not be identified, but she was a woman of means, judging by the costly jewellery she was wearing. This included diamond earrings, pearl necklace, gold and diamond bracelet and two platinum rings studded with brilliants.

One ring was on the same finger as an American gold wedding ring. She appeared to be between 45 and 50 years of age, with grey hair dyed black, and was about 5ft 3in tall. The police quickly released this description to the press to help with identification.

The official inquest was opened on May 20 before Mr D Rees, the divisional coroner and witnesses were interviewed.

The description of the lady differed somewhat following a proper examination; she was now described as around 50, 5ft 6½ inches tall, with gray hair dyed black.

Her clothing bore the initials CW and the description of her jewellery came out as slightly different. Dr P J O'Donnell (a former Mayor of Barry and co-founder of the cemetery)

attributed the cause of death as by drowning. The Coroner proposed adjourning the inquiry into the lady until the next week as it seemed that she would be identified as Catherine E Willey or Willesy.

He ordered the body to be embalmed. Shortly afterwards, a man arrived from Paris and formally identified the body and organised removal to Liverpool for shipment to Chicago for burial.

She was a widow who was travelling to England to stay with friends. The value of her jewellery was estimated at around £2,000 or around £180,000 in modern value. Her story for us ends here.

At the resumed coroner's hearing William Barnes, the chief bedroom steward onboard the Lusitania was giving evidence. He said that he had seen the body of the man and believed that he was one of the passage workers who wasn't a regular hand, but could not name him.

The Coroner closed the case, having established the identity of the lady, but unable to do so for the man. The jury returned a verdict of "wilful murder" against the person who fired the torpedo. The accomplices were the officers of the submarine, and the Kaiser, under whose orders this particular act was carried out.

So who was the mystery man? They did not find out and will not find out now, nearly a century later.

His description given

at the inquiry was as follows: Male, 28 to 30 years, medium build, light brown hair, light ginger moustache, one tooth missing front upper jaw, had at one time fractured his skull, height 5'8. He was wearing blue serge trousers, pink merino vests and white merino pants, both lined with wool, striped cotton shirt marked 'Anderson Bros, Makers, 27 Bridge Street, Glasgow', light lace-up boots, stamped inside Holober Bros., 501 West 14th Street, New York, grey socks that had been footed with light bluish-coloured wool, light colour braces with the word 'Hague' on the buckle. He also wore a plain leather belt with a nickel buckle.

He was buried in our Merthyr Dyfan cemetery on May the 18th, 11 days after Lusitania was torpedoed and was laid to rest in grave A1083.

The purchase of the grave cost 18 shillings and was a common grave later followed by four other bodies ranging from a 95-year-old lady in 1935, two stillborns and a four-day-old girl. The records mark him as an unknown person picked up off Kinsale Island from the RMS Lusitania.

Reverend Longdon officiated, who happened to be a longstanding member of the council.

I have asked for this to be included on an agenda for the cemetery to seek to mark the grave.

• Nic Hodges is a councillor for Baruc ward, Vale Council and Barry Town Council; also Chair of the Friends of Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.



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Contact Mary Gardner, chairman, on 029 2071 2260 or e-mail: jack4ss@btinternet.com.

Heart charity shop's appeal for volunteers

THE British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cymru shop in Barry is appealing for volunteers.

"The shop is in desperate need of Heart Heroes to come forward and spare any hours they can each week, no matter what age or background they have," said Terry Hughes, BHF Cymru Area Retail Manager.

"Giving time doesn't just benefit the Barry shop, it can also be great for the CV and help in the hunt for a new job. The shop gives volunteers the opportunity to learn new skills, gain full training and also have a guaranteed interview for any paid position that becomes available within the shop."

For more information on volunteering opportunities, visit bhf.org.uk/volunteer.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AT Barry Tourist Railway this weekend; trains will be operated by a steam locomotive and there is a vintage and 'Shabby Chic' fair at Barry Island Station on Sunday.

Steam loco Jessie will be hauling trains from Barry Island at 11.45am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm on both days.

For more details, call 01446 748816 or see our website for details at www.barrytouristrailway.co.uk.

RNLI shop

THE RNLI gift and souvenir shop is open in the boathouse on the Esplanade in Penarth from 2pm-5pm daily, selling souvenirs and gifts in order to raise money for the Lifeboat. Telephone 02920 711659 for further information.

Cream teas

AS part of Penarth Summer Festival, All Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, will be offering cream teas on July 19 from 3pm-5pm in the church. The cost is £4 for adults and £3 for children.

Help raise funds for the church building project. For more information, visit allsaintspenarth.org.uk

Tenovus concert

A 'MUSIC of the Night' charity concert will be presented by Performing Arts Academy Wales, in conjunction with Tenovus Cancer Charity at 6pm on Sunday, July 20 at the Paget Rooms, Penarth.

Tickets £7, available from the Tenovus shop in Penarth Town Centre or www.paaw.co.uk.

News from the Jenner Park Primary School

Carvery chefs

Year-1 had a fantastic time at the Toby Carvery. Firstly, we were met by the friendly team who gave us our own chef hats, next we played lots of games to help us learn about fruit and vegetables.

We had a bag of fruit and vegetables that we had to name – some were tricky as we hadn't tried them before!

Next, we were lucky enough to go behind the scenes into the kitchen, and saw where the food was prepared, cooked and stored.

Finally, it was time to line up at the carvery station – the teachers had a go at carving the meat! We all had a cooked dinner and it was very yummy – we would definitely like to go again!

In the swim!

CHILDREN from Jenner Park Primary School have recently finished their annual course of swimming lessons to promote healthy exercise and to ensure the children are safe around water.

They were also interviewed by the sports minister about the importance of learning to swim and how much they had enjoyed their lessons.

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ABOVE:
Wannabe chefs are all ready get ready to show off their expertise in the kitchen!

BELOW:
Children enjoy a healthy swim.



Former pupil passes on her advice to football-mad girls!

HOLTON Primary School went football crazy as World Cup fever gripped the school.

The numerous events culminated in semi-professional footballer and ex-pupil, Sophie Ingle, coming into school to give the children a master class in how to be a footballer.

Sophie, who has several caps for Wales, spoke to the children about her journey to becoming a professional footballer.

Children from reception class to year-6 practiced the same training activities as the Ladies Welsh team. The school would like to thank Sophie for giving up her time to come into the school and Ian James, school football coach, for managing the event.



BARRY Neighbourhood Policing Team recently announced the results of its Barry Island Alcohol Prevention Poster competition.

This year's winning design belonged to year-5 pupil, Georgia Jones from Cadotson Primary School, whose poster will be on display across the resort throughout the summer months.

Runners-up were Charlie Jones (also from Cadotson Primary School) and Eiddan Ballard from Barry Island Primary School.

Georgia's winning poster creation...



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News in and out of class at the St Cyres School



LEFT:
The basketball team.

Field trip

YEAR-10 geography students recently enjoyed a successful field trip to Barry Island.

The aim of the trip was to enable students to write up their controlled assessment on the subject of the impact of tourism. Students carried out a range of different tasks, including a sketch map and conducting visitor/business questionnaires. Students assessed the positive and negative impacts of tourism and completed an environmental quality survey of 10 different locations. All 93 of us had a fantastic day – even enjoying some Barry Island chips as a treat at the end!

Tennis

ONCE again, pupils at St Cyres School have been getting fully involved in tennis and a club, organised by the 5x60 officer, has met regularly at Penarth Tennis Club. However, we look forward to playing on our new courts in the near future.

The years 7 and 8 students took part in the Vale tournament: The boys enjoyed exciting matches and came third overall.

The team included Isaac Follon, Rhys Gentles, Rhys Watkins and Iestyn James. The girls beat Cowbridge and St. Richard Gwyn, and drew against Stanwell so it went to a shoot off, which St Cyres won. Amelia Davidson, Sophie Thomas, Rebecca Gentles and Kayleigh Parsons will go on to represent the Vale in the south Wales finals at David Lloyd in September.

Years 9 and 10 students then played in their Vale tournament: The girls team, which included Vicky Sweetman, Molly Owen-Ffoulkes, Megan Kupa and Bethan Salter, lost to a very strong Stanwell team, before drawing against St. Richard Gwyn and then losing in the shoot-off.

They beat Cowbridge, to finish third overall. The boys team, which included Luke Davidson, Jack Thomas, Colin Todd and Tomos Jones, beat Cowbridge, St. Richard Gwyn and Barry Boys to set up a top of the table clash against Stanwell. The matches were very tense, but Stanwell won 4-2, so the boys took runners-up spot.

Basketball

YEAR-10 GCSE PE student, Carys Allen competed for Wales in the U16 European Division C Championship in Malta.

The team lost to Malta, Andorra and Scotland but beat Gibraltar: however, Carys had personal success as she was the top scorer for Wales and named as one of the top five players of the tournament.

This is a remarkable achievement from a student who still has another year left in this age group and who is also involved with the Welsh under-15 netball team.

Carys is a tremendous ambassador for St Cyres and a role model for all the students who will now be trying to emulate her success. This will be helped by the new sports hall in October, when students will finally be able to play on a full size court.

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Local choir's charity concert raises £1,400



ABOVE and BELOW: The 'Caritas' choir performing in Penarth.
(Photographs by IAN DIXON).

PENARTH residents recently turned out in force to support local choir Caritas at St Augustine's Church.

The church was packed and the audience was enthralled by a stunning performance of classical music from the choir, soloists and organist Phillip Aspden.

All the proceeds – £1,400 – were donated to 'Making Music, Changing Lives' a community project which provides musical education.



Boys are dab hands at domestic chores!

ELEVEN students from Barry Comprehensive School recently experienced a four-day trip to the 'Old Boat House' youth

hostel as part of their personal social development course.

The boys had to help plan the event, which included; shopping and preparing meals in their catering lessons, planning and costing

activities and working together to meet a whole range of responsibilities, including washing up and making beds!

The students were able to experience and walk the beautiful coastal paths of the Gower, try their skills

at archery and shooting, swim, barbecue and fully experience the outdoor life.

All were exceptionally well behaved, and a credit to their parents and the school.

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Surgeon Richard's long distance cycle ride for his patients

A LOCAL hospital consultant will be taking part in the Arch to Arc cycle ride from London to Paris later this month.

The consultant breast surgeon at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, is well into his training for the gruelling 350-mile challenge, which will see him raise money for the breast endowment funds POW and Neath Port Talbot hospitals have run for many years.

The event starts in Marble Arch on July 23 and ends at the Arc de Triomphe on July 26, the day before the Tour de France finishes.

He explained: "We'll be covering 80-90 miles a day, but the final stage will be 26 miles into the centre of Paris.

"I've done a bit of cycling over the last couple of years – short distances after work to get some fresh air and clear my head, but nothing more serious than that, until now.

"My brother asked me about it during my daughter's 18th birthday party and I agreed. There will be a small group of us going, as part of his firm's annual charity ride."

Richard has been training since before Christmas and is now clocking up about 120 miles a week: "It's actually quite good fun. I'm getting fitter and losing weight.

"I'm doing a lot of hill work at the moment. Fortunately, the route is (I'm told, relatively flat), but even so, I don't think Chris Froome has anything to worry about."

Sponsorship forms are available in both hospitals for staff and patients who would like to support Richard. They are located in the day case and main theatres, outpatients and with the breast care nurses.

He also has a page on BT's My Donate website, with all donated money going to the cause.

The endowment funds are used to buy equipment for breast cancer outpatient departments and operating theatres at Princess



Richard Johnson

of Wales and Neath Port Talbot hospitals. Richard added: "Everything the money is spent on is for the benefit of breast cancer patients."

Richard's BT My Donate page can be found at: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/richardjohnson3>



Carl Hadley OBE

University honours Vale resident

SWANSEA University has conferred an honorary degree on Cowbridge resident Carl Hadley OBE, former Council, Court member and Treasurer at the University.

He was presented with the award on July 14 during the ceremony for the College of Arts and Humanities.

An engineer by training, Mr Hadley has worked in the paper, electrical engineering and aluminium industries in various parts of the UK with assignments abroad, and for a time was managing director of British Alcan in Swansea. He received an OBE for services to the aluminium industry and training.

Mr Hadley said: "I was most surprised and very delighted to be given this recognition of my service to Swansea University. It has been a privilege contributing to the success and growth of the university and I hope I can still help in the future."

Caterer trading without consent

THE owner of a catering unit that suddenly appeared on Barry Island without permission in November has been charged with trading without street trading consent.

Timothy Kelly of Gwaelod-y-Garth, Cardiff, was trading on 'Cosy Corner', Barry Island, on Bonfire Night 2013, without having obtained a street trading consent from the Vale Council permitting him to do so.

The defendant was fined £300, disqualified from driving for four weeks and ordered to pay £500 towards the council's costs. The fine and costs were to be paid within 14 days.

On November 5, 2013, Licensing Officers went to Barry Island to monitor street trading activity during the Rotary Club Firework

Display event. Mr Kelly was advised that he was committing an offence and that he should cease trading, but he refused, telling the officers that they could prosecute him.

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SETTING OUR SIGHTS BEYOND THE PRESENT - TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

LAST WEEK, the Welsh Government launched the 'Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill' with a statement by Jeff Cuthbert AM, the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty.

He said that this piece

of legislation puts sustainable development at the heart of our public services and represents our commitment to pass on a better quality of life to our children and grandchildren. As he said: "Nothing could be more important."

In his statement, he says that Wales faces a number of complex and long-term social, economic and

environmental challenges. Many of these are a legacy from the past, but it is increasingly recognised that more needs to be done to ensure that the current generation does not leave them as challenges for future generations.

This accords with the famous saying which is on my noticeboard to remind me that - 'We do not inherit the earth from our fathers, we borrow it from our children'.

The Minister sets out the three key aims of the Bill, which will be subject to widespread consultation and scrutiny - giving a renewed sense of purpose for our public services, a recognition of the international principles of sustainable development and a commitment to making a real difference for people and communities by working together to prevent poverty, and help people into work with the skills that they need to succeed.

I have been heartened to meet employers in the Vale of Glamorgan who are acting now to give young people a chance and opportunity to provide them with these skills, such as the young people I met last week at TJ Morgan (Barry) Ltd at the Vale Business

Park. They are training their young workforce to be plastics engineers and environmental fabrication specialists, taking on new apprentices recruited from local schools in south Wales, supported by Careers Wales and Bridgend College.

It is encouraging to meet the local employers who have taken part in the successful Welsh Government Jobs Growth Wales Programme now reaching the 10,000th job opportunity for 16-25 year olds, backed by the EU European Social Fund.

Last week, I met young people from VIBE Creative who have won awards for the film they have made to encourage young people to stop smoking - and are now continuing in work and gaining further multi-media skills, as a result of the programme.

Over the summer, I will be visiting other businesses who have taken part on this scheme including solicitors and accountancy firms, a Cardiff Airport business and manufacturing businesses in the Vale.

Many of these employers have taken on young people following the six-month Jobs Growth Wales financial

support from the Welsh Government. GO Wales (Graduate Opportunities) has had similar success and is highly rated by employers.

This is how Welsh Government intervention can help secure a 'balanced recovery' and offer opportunities for young people so that they can help build sustainable communities with their skills and employment prospects.

The Financial Times recently featured the Shadow Secretary of State for Work and

Pensions, Rachel Reeves MP, following her visit to Wales with the Shadow Cabinet where she met employers and young people who had benefited from Jobs Growth Wales and said this was a model for the rest of the UK.

Wales has seen the positive results of our interventions with labour market figures which has put Wales at the forefront as a rising economy over the past year.

Most importantly, this investment in our young

people today will help secure the future for their children and grandchildren. As Jeff Cuthbert said in his statement: "The Well-being of Future Generations Bill is about looking at the big picture - what are our long-term goals and aspirations as a nation, what makes our approach distinctive and better? A shared vision for the Wales we want, with a shared commitment to act will make a real difference to people's lives."

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance)

MIND in the Vale praised



ABOVE: Coun Martin Turner, Penarth Town Mayor, with Jane Hutt AM, Rachel Connors, MIND in the Vale staff, and volunteers.

MIND in the Vale recently held a very successful AGM, where many achievements over the past year were celebrated, including a rise in volunteer support. The charity was warmly praised by Vale AM, Jane Hutt, for helping to raise awareness of mental health needs - with one in four people suffering from mental ill-health.



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For example, if you've found a pothole in the Illtyd ward and the schedule says we'll be in that ward on 9 and 10 August, report it to us between Monday to Friday of that week and we'll add it to our list.

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Don't forget, next time you find a pothole let us know and we'll fix it as soon as we can.

Cheers,
Big Phil

The BIG Fill Schedule - Phase I 2014

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Illtyd	9 and 10 August	Phase I
Cadoc	23 and 24 August	Phase I
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Four years after child tragedy, MP welcomes electric gate measures

FOUR years after the tragic death of a child in Bridgend from an electronic gate, charity Gatesafe and its patron Madeleine Moon MP, have secured reforms to increase the safety of electric fences across the country.

Earlier this month the Government's Minister for Disabilities wrote to the Bridgend MP outlining a series of changes the Health and Safety Executive is implementing to improve the safety of electric gates across Wales and the whole of the UK.

The letter followed a meeting in March, where Mrs Moon and Richard Jackson, head of Gatesafe, which campaigns on the issue of gate safety, met with the Minister and the Health and Safety Executive, to call for changes to help prevent another tragic death occurring again.

Mrs Moon reported that after highlighting how the guidance on what is needed to ensure gate safety needed clarifying, the Minister in his response stated that the HSE had already drawn up simple advice in the forms of FAQs to clarify what would and wouldn't be safe.

The HSE is also drawing up more detailed advice for installers that will be available by the autumn.

The Gatesafe campaign emerged after July 2010, when five-year-old Karolina Golabek from Bridgend died when safety features on a gate near her home failed. In June the case against the two firms involved in building and maintaining the gate concluded. The firms admitted they had failed to follow safety guidelines and were fined £110,000 by the courts.

Following the announcement by the Government, Mrs Moon said: "I was especially pleased to see the Minister acknowledge the role Karolina's tragic death had had in leading his department to look at the relevant standards and to recognise that they did not provide adequate safeguards."

"The Department of Works and Pensions has also raised a formal objection with the European Commission and they expect the European Commission for Standardisation to work on revising



ABOVE: safety reforms are welcomed.

standards to meet the concerns we have raised.

"I feel confident that the changes needed to prevent further tragedies with electronic gates are now beginning to take place."

Richard Jackson, head of the charity GateSafe, said: "We are, of course, delighted to hear that the HSE has taken steps to improve the guidance on key safety issues for automated gates and we look forward to receiving feedback on the progress with the European Commission and European Committee for Standardisation."

"Whilst we absolutely welcome this progress, we maintain there is a need to demystify/simplify the advice to installers/end users on what actually constitutes a safe automated gate - and to deliver any revised recommendations in a format that is easy for the professional installer to comprehend."

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Further meetings between the HSE and Gatesafe are now planned to ensure these changes are embedded into practice across the UK.

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FUW president Emyr Jones said: "We are offering 12 people an exclusive chance to enjoy Pimms and strawberries on the balcony on Wednesday, July 23, between 2.30pm and 5pm to watch the Senior Welsh Cob Stallions – which is generally the highlight of the main ring events during the show."

"Tickets for this exclusive occasion can be purchased on a first-come first-served basis at the union's pavilion during the show and will cost £20 a ticket."

"There is also an opportunity to win two additional tickets to the event as part of a raffle prize. All proceeds raised will go towards our charities Tŷ Hafan and Tŷ Gobaith."

Sully-based Tŷ Hafan and Oswestry-based Hope House Children's hospices, which includes Tŷ Gobaith at Conwy, will share the proceeds of a fund formally launched by Mr Jones at the Royal Welsh Show last year.

For more information about the union's fundraising activities, contact 01970 820820.

WI pass the baton

NEXT year sees the 100th anniversary of the founding of the WI movement and as part of the celebrations for this, a baton has been making its way around every federation in Wales and England, starting in Anglesey.

On August 19, the Glamorgan Board will receive the baton from Powys Brecon Federation and it will begin its journey through our area with an exciting programme of events to accompany it.

On August 20, it will visit Llanddewi with Knelson WI Rhossili, joined by the Coastguards.

The following day it will go on to Margam Park, before travelling to The Heritage Mining Museum. It will travel from Sophia Gardens by boat to Cardiff Bay and the Barrage on August 22.

On August 26, it will reach The National Assembly for Wales and will be met by Dame

Rosemary Butler, the Presiding Officer.

ONE FRANCHISE THAT DESERVES TO ENTER THE AGE OF EXTINCTION!

IT'S often been said that should the world be blasted by a nuclear explosion, then the only thing to survive would be cockroaches.

Based on his ability to churn out the same formulaic, overly-glossy "action spectaculars" that spell "ker-ching" for studios, it seems you could add Michael Bay to that list.

Having said that he was finished with the *Transformers* franchise after 2011's *Dark of the Moon*, Bay has returned to the cash cow, having stated that this outing, subtitled *Age of Extinction*, will act as a new beginning for the franchise, starting a new trilogy.

It stars Mark Wahlberg as Cade Yeager, who along with his daughter (Nicola Peltz) and her boyfriend (Jack Reynor), find themselves caught up in an all-out war as Autobots and Decepticons are hunted down by a shadowy group marshalled by Harold Attinger (Kelsey Grammer), teaming with Optimus Prime. Cade must try to stop Attinger's plan, which sees Prime hunted by a

bounty hunter called Lockdown...

The *Transformers* franchise has been a case of diminishing returns since the first one, the films seemingly designed to show that Michael Bay loves fast cars, beautiful women, sunsets and computer-generated carnage.

The nadir seemed to be *Dark of the Moon*'s near-hour climax of loud noises and computerised robots battling each other.

For all Bay's talk of how this new trilogy would be different from the previous one, in reality, this comment is almost as foolhardy as those who consider these films to be in any way worthwhile.

Age of Extinction is a bone-jarringly atrocious piece of film making for an audience who care little for basic elements such as character development and storytelling – desensitised to Bay's lust for spectacle and flashy visuals by the video games they spend most of their lives on.

There is not one iota of artistic merit in this film at all; while the human cast have all been parachuted in to replace the previous trilogy's acting ensemble

(and the word 'acting' is used in the loosest possible terms), the main stars of the show are the titular robots, many of whom are new to proceedings but look the same and behave the same.

In all honesty, you're not all that bothered who they are, and as the film progresses, couldn't really care less about what happens to them.

The story takes a jumping off point (that, after their monotonous demolition of Chicago in the last film, both Autobots and Decepticons are being hunted down to pay for what they did, despite the Autobots' assistance in saving humanity).

It then completely wastes it with inane dialogue – a story that is purely designed to move from action set-piece to action set-piece, with character development and dialogue that is best described as hackneyed.

Yeager's daughter's boyfriend is a stock car racer – why? (When he performs a death-defying driven escape, we know it's not luck)

and fails to elicit anything from the audience other than painful apathy.

It doesn't help that it's duller than the average member of *The Only Way Is Essex* When said dullness is stretched to a running time of 160 minutes, it becomes an endurance test for the strongest-willed of cinemagoers.

It doesn't help that Bay makes the film look just like all the others – the action sequences feel like rereads from previous escapades, while the repetitive use of his stylistic tics, repeated use of wonky camera angles and heat hazes (not to mention the sunset shot that feels almost pastiche now), ends up grinding.

His cast work with what they have, but their performances just don't work. Wahlberg tries gamely, but can't help overplaying his hand to compensate for the lack of any real depth, while both Nicola Peltz and Jack Reynor are an improvement on the previous trilogy's young lovers but still fail to

resonate. Stanley Tucci salvages some pride with a hammy performance that knows the sort of film it's in, but Kelsey Grammer plays a one-note bad guy with no real aplomb.

It's hardly surprising that *Age of Extinction* is something of an exercise in making a film devoid of subtlety or indeed quality, particularly given how automated and intelligence-insulting the franchise has become.

But for a film supposedly based on new starts, it doesn't even come close to treading new ground.

While the popular opinion may differ, judging by the large box office this film has generated so far, both the franchise, and Michael Bay, should be entering an *Age of Extinction* themselves.

VERDICT: Monotonous, bloated, intelligence-insulting, leaden, creatively bankrupt, overlong, migraine inducing, painful... and that's just the opening hour. That such a terrible, low-brow



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piece of supposed 'filmmaking' as *Transformers: Age of Extinction* can garner such commercial praise should bring a tear to any fan of cinema.

If you want to replicate the experience of watching this film, I suggest banging your head against a wall for 160 minutes, while listening to a soundtrack of explosions. Avoid at all costs.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Transformers* films (2007-2011).

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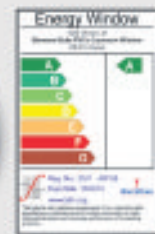
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JULY 7 saw the annual changeover of officers for the Rotary Club of Llantwit Major which began with a service of dedication at St Donats Church conducted by Rotarian Rev D Vivian Ginn and organist Lynn Brown.

Later at a dinner held at the West House Hotel, Rtn Mary Noyes was installed as the new club president, taking over from Rtn Christine James.

Mary Noyes, who lives in the village of Llanmaes, was born in Porth and later lived at St Clears and Porthcawl before moving to the village many years ago.

She studied at the Welsh College of Music and Drama before becoming a teacher. For many years before her recent retirement, Mary was headteacher of Llangan Primary School near Cowbridge. She has three children and is delighted also now to have a granddaughter.

Mary's first duty as the new club president was to thank Christine James for her very successful year in office and for the notable achievement, both in the town, and also in collecting enough for two Shelterboxes which will be used to help overseas disasters.

She hoped that she would have as productive year in office as the outgoing president and noted that the club had now entered its 34th year of service in the town.

Mary ended by saying that new members were always welcome and it was her wish that in her year the club would continue to grow.

Other officers include president-elect David Rogers, president nominee David Lane, secretary Richard Vidler and treasurer Paul Motte.

'DIRECT FROM WEST END' SHOWCASES STAGECOACH!

AS the school year comes to an end, all at Stagecoach Theatre Arts are reflecting on another great year with a real sense of satisfaction and achievement.

Their summer term ended with a sell-out show, 'Direct from the West End' at the Sherman Theatre Cardiff, where the talented performers received a standing ovation.

As part of their end-of-

term events, students also gave showcase demonstrations for family to enjoy, plus reports, achievement certificates and awards were presented.

One exceptional student, Matt Bartlett aged 18, received his 14-year award having enrolled at Stagecoach as a four-year-old. Matt aims to pursue a career in musical theatre, and is well on the way to realising his dream after gaining a place in a top London academy from

September. Stagecoach Bridgend, Cowbridge and Cardiff is owned by local couple Helene and Rob Reynolds, who take huge pride in their Stagecoach family, with over 400 children aged three to 18 years attending their schools each week.

For information about Stagecoach holiday workshops and the autumn term call 01446 772727.

Life in the Navy was no lark!

SOUTHERNDOWN WI NEWS

THE July monthly meeting of Southerndown WI was not a first for SWI to invite husbands and/or menfolk to hear the speaker, Mr Allan Higgins, talk about his life in the Navy.

It was felt it could be of interest or to recall personal experiences. However, it must have been entirely coincidental that when we invite the men, we are also asked to wear 'pants on head'....

What would Mrs Hoodless think? Readers may know that the slogan refers to bone marrow deficiency, in this case relating to the granddaughter of a previous member.

The procedure of bone marrow testing is quick and painless, but donors should be 16-30 years of age. A picture was taken for posterity.

Watching this strange WI behaviour was our guest, Allan Higgins, who joined the Navy, aged 15, in 1939 and observed life in the raw in warfare across the globe.

The Russian people made a big impression of him with Murrans and Archangel etched on his heart. After an adventurous and worthwhile life, Mr Higgins has a humorous demeanour and a twinkle in his eye that belie his 91 years.

Since the last meeting, some members took part in a trail treasure hunt at Swansea Marina (thanks to the county for instigating this). It was a very enjoyable, relaxed day with perfect weather.

There is no meeting in August although the committee have promised a get-together somehow, somewhere!

The next monthly meeting will be on September 11 at 7.15pm at St Brides Major church hall. The speaker is Chris Harrison - 'Tall Ships'. There is a charity fashion show with Samantha B on September 18; tickets £5, all welcome (subject to numbers).

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Laughter all the way at Llanharry WI!

LLANHARRY WI NEWS

AFTER the meeting in April and resolutions in May, we were hoping for a more lively evening in June, and we certainly got it - our speaker, Mrs Helen Williams, had come all the way from Llandeilo to get us to 'Send a Cow to Charity'!

This lady certainly knew how to put over her story, and made a rather sombre tale of poverty and need seem very appealing. This charity started over 30 years ago in Uganda, when cows in calf were originally shipped over there - nowadays, they are bought locally.

The cow was a means of providing milk for the family or to sell, which in turn provided money for education, clothes and better living conditions.

She had a large number of 'props' with her and we found

ourselves playing instruments, helping cows give birth, and handling bags and bottles of strange-looking substances. The members were crying with laughter over her antics.

What a good night! with a good cause being helped along the way. The competition of an animal ornament was won by a cow, what else!

The July meeting was going to be an anti-climax, we thought, after the hilarity of June. Mrs Lorna Pearson had come from Cwmbran, the other side of Wales this time. Her subject was humorous poems and odes with a Welsh flavour - most of her material was written by herself and with a few jokes thrown in, we were soon rocking in the aisles again.

We have had two very good meetings with everyone going home in a light-hearted mood. Roll on September I say!

We meet on September 2 at 7.30pm at the Church Hall, Llanharry. Visitors welcome.

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Changing coastline inspires artist Fran

A LOCAL artist from Ogmere-by-Sea has drawn on her fascination with the sea and the coastline to put together an exhibition of her paintings at St Donats Arts Centre.

Francine Davies's exhibition is one that, in the main, explores the interaction between the sea and the coast.

The paintings capture the power of the sea as it rolls into beaches, crashes

against rocks and harbours, and moves pebbles around with each new wave.

Francine, who is married with two children, said: "Whether it be the intricate patterns on the water as the tide comes in, or the power of the waves as they erode the coastline, this environment is a constant fascination, and one that I hope to share with the observer".

The exhibition runs at St Donats Arts Centre, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, until July 27. It is advisable to telephone the centre (01446 799100) to confirm opening times.



ABOVE: Francine Davies with one of her paintings.

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Green groups together

BARRY&VALE Friends of the Earth had a successful meeting on July 1 joining together with three groups concerned to protect the environment.

They were joined by a representative from the Primrose Hill group in Cowbridge who are opposing green field housing.

The group were also joined by representatives of HOPE in the Vale, who are opposed to housing on the golf course and Walter's Farm. The battle continues there, and at Merthyr Dyfan, where residents are asking some difficult questions of planners, who cut down the trees and vegetation in one of Barry's remaining green

spaces, while plans for the Lagoon and the future of the field seem not so clear.

The Docks incinerator action group will be meeting in the Castle Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday, July 22, to discuss the Biomass wood chip burner proposed by Dow Corning.

Barry&Vale FoE welcome the green energy developments at the Bendricks and call for more solar farms, wind farms and other green energy forms to be developed in the Vale, not the mad dash for fracked oil and gas.

The FoE Group will be meeting next, on August 5, with a September meeting focused on the state of nature in the Vale.

KEITH STOCKDALE



Matt Bartlett
with his award.

Golfers raise over £6,000 for Arthritis Research

THERE was a real buzz surrounding Whitchurch Golf Club, Cardiff, last Thursday, July 10 with a full complement of 24 teams participating in the annual golf day in aid of Arthritis Research UK.

All golfers teed off on a shotgun start at 1pm and played for four hours in glorious sunshine. The greens looked absolutely stunning and so were the views from the course looking out over Cardiff.

The winning team with 94 points comprised Colin Williams, Steve Lowery and Brian Westcott, captained by Chris Mackay of Dinas Powys.

They were presented with a Four Ball donated by Whitchurch Golf

Club and each player received a framed print of 'The Golfing Greats' as their winning prize.

Anna-Marie Jones, explained that the charity would not be able to fund pioneering research without the fantastic commitment of the people that support them. She asked the 96 golfers to pat themselves on the back.

Simon Arundell of Foy Wealth (the sponsors for the event) was very pleased to hear that with their corporate support, over £6,000 was raised.

The next golf day is on Friday, September 5 at the Cottrell Park Golf Resort. If anyone is interested in entering a team, contact Anna-Marie on 029 2051 2438 or 07854 440 769 or on a.jones@arthritisresearchuk.org



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Tom cycling from Calais to Rome in memory of his Dad

A YOUNG
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charity.

Tom Williams lost his father to a stroke in 1999 when he was just seven years old. Now aged 22, Tom is determined to complete an incredible fundraising challenge for the Stroke Association, that will see him cycle from Calais to Rome in 14 days.

On August 8, Tom will begin his journey by train and ferry to Calais. Early next day, he'll be setting off from Calais to his first stop in Saint-Amand-les-Eaux.

Over the 14 days, he'll cycle to

Luxembourg and back through France to Switzerland. Tom will then cycle into northern Italy and down to the coast, where he'll pass the Tower of Pisa on his way to Rome.

Tom explained: "I've just graduated from Cardiff University in geology and I'll be doing a conservation internship next year in America, so this is my best chance to

do the trip.

"It's been 15 years since my father passed away and now I'm old enough I can do something really meaningful in his memory and help raise funds and awareness for the Stroke Association."

"Had my father lived, I know the Stroke Association would have been there to help. They do absolutely amazing work from research and

prevention to family support."

Bridget Stadden, community and events fundraising manager for Wales, said: "We are so pleased that the Stroke Association will benefit from Tom's spectacular challenge. We hope that his journey will help us to raise awareness of stroke as well as much needed funds to continue our work."

"There are over

11,000 people across Wales who have a stroke each year and over 65,100 people living with the effects of stroke. Across the UK there are approximately 152,000 strokes every year. That is more than one every five minutes."

The Stroke Helpline (0303 303 3100) provides information and support on stroke. More information at www.stroke.org.uk



Loveable Tikka loves one-to-one cuddles!

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TIKKA the Akita is 11 years young and is a lovely girl who enjoys a cuddle and gentle potters for exercise!

Tikka is worried around other dogs, so she will need careful introductions when out and about, and would prefer to be the only dog in the home. Tikka will make someone a lovely companion.

She would like an owner who is home most of the day, who will give her lots of attention and cuddles. She has particularly enjoyed spending the past week with our lovely work experience student, Ellie (pictured).

We all love her here and she has been through a lot, so we are desperate for her to find a loving home! Children in the family will need to be over 14 years old.

LINDA FEAGAN,

Supporter Relations Officer, Bridgend

TIKKA,
WITH
ELLIE.



Rotarians step up aid to foodbanks



Rotarians and Foodbank team members.

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Barry joined forces with team members of the Barry and Vale Foodbank to help with the collection of food donations from Tesco customers outside the store on Port Road, Barry.

In addition to this 'hands-on' support, the Rotary Club has been supporting the Barry and Vale Foodbank for the past two years, purchasing food to be donated.

Due to the increased demand on the foodbank service, the club recently increased their donation to £1,000 of food per Rotary year.

With the ever-increasing demand for access to the foodbank, the small room in the church they were originally using was no

longer suitable to accommodate food supplies.

To overcome the problem, the Barry and Vale Foodbank have taken a short lease on an industrial facility and the Barry Rotary Club have purchased shelving and working with the local company that supplied it, fitted it free of charge.

Both organisations would like to thank Tesco for their assistance and the general public for their continued support which is very much appreciated.

Rotary has 1.2 million members (men and women) worldwide who form a global network of business, professional and community volunteers.

Barry Rotary Club meets weekly in the Mount Sorrel Hotel on Thursdays (6pm for 6.30pm). Call 01446 710204, or look online at www.ribi.org.

The worrying signs that put beekeepers on maximum alert

WILL the calls to attend swarms get any fewer this month? It does not seem to be likely as the calls are still coming in.

However, there is a definite change in the weather, cooler conditions are present and this will bring about a change in our colonies' activities.

Here at Fonmon Apiary, three of my hives have swarmed, despite my best efforts. Two of the three swarmed colonies are proceeding as they should – that is, the new queens are now present and it will be at least a month before I can expect to see any internal signs i.e. eggs being laid.

Each new queen should make a mating flight from her hive to meet up with males (drones) and on her return, a new colony structure will proceed.

As with all things to

do with beekeeping, the weather plays a dominant role. If conditions are such that the new queens cannot make the required mating flight, I will have a colony of bees where the unmated queen can, and will, start laying eggs, – but the bees that will emerge from these eggs will be drones (males)

This colony will be doomed, as it must have workers present (females)

I will keep a close eye on things. Now, what about the third colony? It was very noisy when I opened it up – instead of a gentle, shall we say, humming sound – the bees were frantic and a distinct roaring noise was apparent.

This should alert the beekeeper as it signifies that all is not well. They are queen-less. The new queen may well have gone on a mating flight and has failed to return. A shower of rain may have caught her out, or a

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY by Harold Williams

bird could have seized her!

Whatever the reason, this colony now has problems, there are no eggs present so no new queen can be forthcoming. Left to themselves one of the existing females will start laying eggs but they, too, will only emerge as drones (males) and we are back to square one.

(I have used one of the swarms I have gathered to hopefully correct things, but I will describe the method in a later article).

ROYAL INTEREST

Dyffryn Gardens had a royal visit this month and a display of the beekeeping activity was requested. On entering our marquee, there was

much interest shown by Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall, as they are both beekeepers. They remarked upon the predominance of swarms, so even royal bees do their own thing.

I had a conversation with the Duchess and she is aware of current problems in the beekeeping world, her knowledge stems from the fact that she has colonies of her own.

So far, this year has been very suitable for all insects, but their numbers are still declining. You only have to look at the front of your car to confirm this. The lack of dead insects on the bodywork compared with years gone by is as good an indicator as you can get.

Undertaker's fascinating tales at the Dinas Powys Probus Club

JOHN BETTLES, founder and director of Green Willow Funerals recently, gave a talk to the club entitled 'Humour in the Funeral Profession.'

John explained that he came into the profession after a varied career, mainly in services to the community.

He arrived in Cardiff in 1975 and in 1982 became chief executive of Cardiff YMCA. His father had left his original job because he had always wanted to drive a hearse and so started his own funeral service.

In Cardiff, John realised that all but one of the funeral companies in Cardiff were not independent family firms, as they claimed to be, but were owned by large American or French businesses.

Green Willow was set-up, with the vow that they would offer whatever type of service a grieving family wanted, with full personal care at a fair and reasonable cost. In their first year, 1997, they handled 50 funerals, currently they handle 700.

John then moved on to talk about the

distinctive humour that sometimes happens in what is, of course, a very emotional moment for the family.

Unusual musical choices at cremations included Frank Sinatra singing 'Smoke gets in your eyes', and Gracie Fields singing 'Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye'.

On one occasion, John had to organise, with only four days notice, the funeral of an aged aunt for two American ladies who had to fly back home at short notice.

Without time to consider what music would be appropriate, he left the choice to a very young and nervous organist.

The coffin was brought in to a spirited version of 'The Dambuster's March', which the American ladies loved.

Green Willow is owned by the trustees of Cardiff YMCA and all profit, after normal overheads have been covered, is passed to that charity to further its good works within the community.

The vote of thanks was given by Peter Hilary-Jones.

Harrowing toll of Great War battles

NEWLY-ELECTED chairman, Jean Bisham, welcomed over 100 members to Sully U3As July meeting and her first duty was to present the past chairman, Gill Mathias, with a necklace and card with the thanks of the membership.

She thanked Gill for the three years she had served as Sully U3A's first chairman.

The speaker was Dr Jonathan Hicks, a military historian who was born and lives in Barry. He has won awards for two of his books.

Dr Hicks gave an illustrated talk on Barry and the Great War. He said his interest in the Great War was sparked by the involvement in the conflict of his grandfather and great uncle.

Because of his research, 74 names were added in 2007 to the memorial in Barry Memorial Hall: 8,000 men from Barry enlisted and he highlighted the stories of several of them set against the horrendous conditions that the men faced in the trenches.

The scale of casualties and numbers of dead was hard to imagine and their young age was particularly poignant. He reminded the audience of the part



played by women as clerks, nurses and factory workers.

There were many questions from the audience and Dr Hicks was thanked by Jean for giving the members such a memorable talk.

To mark the centenary of the outbreak of World War One, members of Sully U3A's local history group have compiled a booklet on the men commemorated on the memorial in St John Baptist Church, Sully and on their parents' gravestones in the churchyard which should be available shortly.

In conjunction with this, pupils from Sully School recently took part in a competition associated with War Medals with prizes being sponsored by Sully U3A.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 14 at 2pm in The Old School, Sully. This will be an open meeting when the various groups will be available to talk about their activities.

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GARDEN PARTY IN PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY A SUMMER TREAT WITH PIMMS AND PLANTS!

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THE annual Peterston-super-Ely parish garden party was held recently in the Rectory garden.

Stalls included bric-a-brac, fruit, plants, toys, and there were games and activities, plus a bouncy castle for the children.

The many visitors were sustained by a barbecue, cream teas, ice cream and a well-supported Pimms bar.



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PACT dates

BUTTRILLS PACT, at Barry Library, Kings Square, July 21 at 6.30pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, at Bethesda Church, Fair Oaks, Dinas Powys, July 21 at 7pm.

CADOC PACT, at Palmerston Community and Learning Centre, Barry, July 23 at 6pm.

ST AUGUSTINE PACT, at Windsor Arms Public House, Penarth, July 23 at 7pm.

Latest walks with the Penarth and District Ramblers

THIRTEEN Penarth and District Ramblers joined Rachel at Cwm Clydach RSPB Reserve at Craig-Cefn-Parc near Swansea and climbing up to Fagwyr Isaf, a muddy bridleway led to Gwynfa and footpaths overgrown with shoulder high ferns and brambles.

From the Lower Lliw reservoir, they climbed the hillside to enjoy views down to Gower, then passing through a farm to open access land at Banc Maestir-Mawr, a stunning red kite flew in circles above them. They followed part of the Gower Way into a lovely hidden valley beside the Lower Clydach River, and an abundance of wild birds led back to the start.

William and four companions headed up through the Marches by train to arrive at the flower-decked station at Church Stretton, an ancient town which lies within the Stretton Gap and under the Long Mynd. Walking in a southerly direction, Pole Bank, the highest point on the ridge, saw a pause for refreshments.

Crossing the grass runways of the Midland Gliding Club to reach Black Knoll, heavy rainfall engulfed them. They crossed the River Onny to climb through Plowden Woods to reach Edgton.

A Roman Road at Watling Street led them to their finishing point at Craven Arms.

On July 19, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 9.5-mile moderate/hard walk taking in Redbrook and the Kymin in the Wye Valley; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

On July 22, the midweek walk will leave Cogan at 8am for a 10-mile easy kingfisher walk along the River Usk; contact William on 01446 747239.

On July 24, the evening ramble will leave the Woodland Trust car park on the Michaelston lane at 7pm for a four-mile easy/moderate walk taking in delightful woodland around Dinas Powys; contact Sue on 029 2070 2901.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

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THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D835.

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154907, 864818, 687704, 945841, 652900, 754697, 370403, 832066, 442888, 185925, 137338, 894951, 885011, 279330, 331595, 687070, 643537, 411238, 443836, 205999, 157974, 856240, 764587, 128029, 128442, 332967, 763438, 854209, 314144, 416689, 830554, 287480, 317415, 511424, 744073, 803855, 589309, 165971, 745890, 564201, 118637, 884043, 260786, 1217, 1571.

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A fiasco, or long overdue reform... Election candidates in row over benefits of universal credit

A ROW has broken out between the two front-running candidates for the Vale constituency in next May's general election over the UK Coalition's 'universal credit' system.

Coun Chris Elmore, the Labour challenger, claims it has cost the taxpayer over £600m, without even being put into operation – while Alun Cairns, the current MP, who will stand again for the Conservatives, insisted it aims to end a 'money for nothing' culture encouraged by the Labour Party.

Universal credit is a new single payment for people who are looking for work or on a low income, and brings together a range of benefits into a single payment.

Coun Elmore said its introduction had been a fiasco: "A system designed to simplify 'benefit delivery' has proved it does anything but.

"Plagued by IT problems and delays in rollout, this whole episode has cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions and not made one iota of difference to the benefits regime. Their incompetence is costing the country dearly.

"We need to make the social security system fairer and more robust; however, the UK Government's general ineptitude in rolling out universal credit has put that project on hold," he stated.

"Now we have learnt that after four long years of development, the Treasury is refusing to sign off the universal credit project, with grave concerns over value for money and whether the system meets its objectives.

"Tory Ministers need to get a grip of the situation as their already damaged reputation fades away even further.

"Universal credit is designed to be a streamlined benefit, replacing six means-tested benefits and tax credits. Persistent IT failures and delays have cost the taxpayer hundreds of millions of pounds.

by TIM CHAPMAN

"The National Audit Office recently reported that the implementation of universal credit suffered from 'weak management, ineffective control and poor governance'."

Treasury sign-off

The Government has been analysing the results from 12 pilot schemes run in Wales, England and Scotland and would like to fully introduce universal credit by 2017.

Last week in the House of Commons, the Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith, told MPs the business case for universal credit would be signed off by the Treasury soon.

Mr Cairns said Coun Elmore's comments appeared to be a Labour Party press release to which he had attached his name, and went on: "Under the previous system, some people claiming benefits who worked the 17th hour ended up losing 98p for every pound they earned. It was hardly an incentive to work longer!

"Universal credit will always reward those who work. Naturally, we need to protect those who can't work.

"He doesn't seem to know that universal credit hasn't rolled out to the Vale yet and so many charitable groups, as well as the Labour Party in Parliament, have supported the changes.

"The figures he suggests are wrong and have been rejected by the National Audit Office. The last Government lost £2 billion on the NHS IT system, but he says nothing about this."

Mr Cairns said that most of the public back benefit reform.

"In truth, the money for nothing culture which developed under Labour has been dismantled and he is simply using universal credit as a cover for an attack on the welfare changes that most people agree are vastly overdue."

Rotarians get an insight into the Royal Mint



Gwyn Roberts of the Royal Mint, is thanked by the club's new president, Colin Jones.

THE Dinas Powys Rotary Club last week welcomed Mr Gwyn Roberts, of the Royal Mint, Llantrisant to the club's new presidential year dining night at the golf club.

He gave an excellent presentation on the world's leading export mint, making coins and medals for an average of 60 countries every year.

However, its first responsibility is to make and distribute UK coins, as well as to supply blanks and official medals.

The original Mint was in the Tower of London, but in 1968 the Queen opened the site at Llantrisant in readiness for the introduction of the decimal coinage.

The Mint employs

more than 900 people and has the Ministry of Defence Police oversee the security of the 35-acre site, which operates round-the-clock for 52 weeks a year.

Gwyn explained that the Royal Mint can produce 90 million coins and blanks a week – almost five billion coins a year and supplies coins to countries throughout the world.

But probably its greatest achievement was producing the medals for the London Olympic Games, even getting duplicate medals to London within six hours for results that were tied, three-and-a-half hours of which was by road.

Rotarian Tim Hubbard gave the a vote of thanks on behalf of the club.

Taxi driver loses his ban appeal

A TAXI driver who breached their stringent conditions.

The magistrate addressed Mr Gashi at his appeal hearing, saying: "You are acting as a public servant in the course of your employment and it was you who instigated sexual intercourse with a fee-paying passenger, who was either drunk or very emotional.

"Under these circumstances, we uphold the decision of the council."

Leader of the Council, Neil Moore, said: "Residents in the Vale of Glamorgan must be entitled to travel securely, safe in the knowledge that our taxi and hackney carriage drivers are reliable, honest and trustworthy, particularly when anyone is travelling alone.

"This sends a very clear message to everyone, that this sort of behaviour cannot and will not be tolerated in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Criminal charges were never brought, but the Vale Council stood by its officers' decision to revoke Mr Gashi's licences, stating that his actions on that night

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RECENTLY, Peterston-super-Ely Church and Community Hall, was the venue for the annual village flower show.

This very popular event attracted a large number of entries including horticultural displays, craft work, culinary classes, and handicraft.

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PUPILS' NEWS FROM BRYN HAFREN SCHOOL

'We love Wales!' say French pen pals

YEAR-9 pupils at Bryn Hafren School recently received a visit from their pen pals at College Saint Paul in Angoulême, La Charente (south west France).

The two schools have regular contact, with pupils writing to each other and every year they meet up. This year it was the turn of College Saint Paul to visit Barry. The day was filled with fun activities. In the morning, they took part in team building activities, led by drama teacher Mr Coombs. He said: "It's great to embrace two different cultures; it helps all the pupils with their language skills as well. It was an amazing day."

After the team building, the pupils headed to the Red Dragon Centre, Cardiff for a game of bowling. For some of the French pupils, it was their first time bowling. One of the pen pals, Hugo Allfetti, commented: "Wales is such a beautiful country, my friends and I are having a great time. We love meeting our pen pals and making new friends. I love Wales."

Bryn Hafren pupil Ruby Redrup said: "I really enjoyed mixing with people from different cultures and from different lifestyles. Meeting my pen pal has widened my French vocabulary. The pen pals are so friendly and welcoming."

Megan Hewitson and Emily Owen.

Army Day

AT the end of June, pupils from years 10 and 12 participated in a taster session from the Army.

There was the opportunity for pupils to participate in a range of tasks that included skills such as teamwork and problem solving. The pupils enjoyed the day immensely.

One pupil said: "I really enjoyed the problem solving tasks. I don't think I would have been able to do it independently. It really showed me the value of teamwork."

Lucy Harfoot and Emma Robinson

History week
FROM June 23-27, Bryn Hafren celebrated its annual history week, when pupils took part in a range of activities related to history.

On Monday, the week started with a history quiz to test pupils' knowledge of historical facts. The winners were rewarded with prizes.

On Tuesday, year-8 pupils were able to take part in a special War Horse workshop run by the National Army Museum. The workshop started with a quiz to test pupils' knowledge, with questions related to war and animals in the war.

Then the pupils were given a short presentation about the film *War Horse* and interesting facts about World War One. Afterwards, the girls were able to examine artefacts which included uniforms, a machine gun, grenades, rifles, horse saddles.

Anna Lawrence, year-8 pupil, said: "I had a really good time looking at all the interesting artefacts and thought it was a great way to learn about the war and how animals like horses took part."

On Wednesday, all pupils were invited down to the history department to try a selection of food from different eras, including fruits and cheese.

Harriet McCarthy, 9SP, said: "I really enjoyed taking part in all the activities during history week. I especially liked tasting the food thorough the ages."

The week ended with a treasure hunt, where

pupils had to search for hidden items around the school. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Mrs Bonnell, head of history said: "History week was a great success and many pupils enjoyed it and took part. I think it was the best year yet!"

Carys Slack

Bryn Hafren fashion show

BRYN HAFREN hosted its annual art and design technology exhibition and fashion show recently, celebrating the work of this year's GCSE and A Level pupils.

The exhibition showed a range of work from design technology, fine art, photography, ceramics and textiles.

Mr Oliver, head of art and design faculty said: "I really enjoy the exhibition as it is fantastic for parents to see the work their children have created. Our pupils are really creative and have made some professional looking products."

During the evening were two fashion shows featuring work from all years in school, including t-shirt prints inspired by Aboriginal and rainforest themes, recycled fashion by years-8 and 9, tribal fusion shift dresses by year-10 and the finale of GCSE, AS and A Level work inspired by individually chosen themes.

Mrs Paulakis, who organised the fashion show, said: "I am really proud of all the girls who took part, it was fantastic to see so many involved."

Megan Hewitson, year-9, said: "I really enjoyed contributing towards the fashion show, I feel like it boosted my confidence, it was a brilliant experience to see my work on the catwalk. I can't wait to take part next year!"

Emily Owen and Natasja Gill



Army day



ABOVE: Fashion show



Pen pals

A father and son partnership swings game Barry's way

BARRY Athletic Second XI played hosts to bitter rivals, Sully Centurions CC, at the Barry Oval with the recent memory of the abandoned match in mind; a heavy downpour rescuing the visitors after being 83-8 while chasing 273.

The forecasts indicated that the whole match would be played, so a result was definitely on the cards. Sully captain, Dave Sylvester, won the toss and chose to field first; a decision that was greeted with much confusion from the travelling supporters.

Barry had a shaky start to the first innings as they lost top order batsmen: Andrew Buckland (6), Ashley Davis (15) and Scott Malpas (23) in the opening 15 overs.

Although the score was moving at a reasonable pace, the

home side were in danger of posting a below par total.

These thoughts were later on extinguished when father-and-son partnership, Ashley Baker and Martin Baker, took the match away from Sully with an unbroken partnership of 190 from 188 balls.

Martin finished on 82 not out from 87 balls and Ashley scored his first century of the season, 101 not out from 120 balls. This saw the Stags post a more than healthy 253-3 from 45 overs.

After the tea session, which saw the ever impressive performance from legendary tea lady, Nicola Baker, the Stags set on finishing the match as quick as possible.

However, they were made to work after some resilient batting from the visitors' middle order. Early wickets of Dave Sylvester (2) and Munim Khan (13) kept the Stags in charge, but a superb attacking 67 by Ricki

Griffett kept the Stags in the field a little longer than expected.

Griffett was accompanied by Nicky Jones (16), Tom Pascoe (20) and Mark Burnett (16) in restoring a bit of pride for the visitors. After the prize wicket of Griffett came, the tail was mopped up efficiently and a comfortable 92 run victory was recorded for the Stags.

Scott Malpas stepped up his case for 'all-rounder' status, after recording figures of 5-16 from 6 overs.

Barry captain, Scott Malpas, would like to wish Mark Burnett well after he suffered a freak nose injury, after top-edging the ball from the bowling of Stuart Evans. Burnett had gone off for treatment and to his credit, he was greeted with applause when he returned to the field.

RESULT:

Barry, 253-3, beat Sully, 161, by 92 runs.

Romilly cast eye on league title

ROMILLY Bowling Club had a successful week, winning both their games in the Munro Cup and CML Division One.

On July 9, Romilly travelled to Sully Bowls Club for their Munro Cup match, hoping to maintain their challenge for the league title where they stand second.

Romilly with a fair mixture of club and 'A' Team players, began the game strongly and were ahead by 22 shots by the fifth end.

As the game progressed, the Romilly players were taking total control and by the 10th end had moved further ahead to lead by 65-15, an advantage of 50 shots. Although the game was virtually over at halfway, there was still a keenness to the game, with Sully managing to reduce Romilly's big advantage by three shots with the score after 15 ends 78-31.

The final three ends also went to Sully by another three shots but the game ended in victory for Romilly 86-42 winning on all four rinks taking all 14 points on offer.

Rink Scores (Romilly first): F Phillips 27, D Edwards 11; M Newman 24, D Curtis 12; A Bryan 16, C Best 12; M Doyle 19, D Hotchkiss 7.

In the CML Division One, Romilly travelled to Penyrheol Bowling Club, Caerphilly. With Romilly currently top of the league although

having played more games than the nearest challengers, a Romilly win was required to maintain their position at the top.

The weather forecast was for heavy rain during the afternoon and with the Penyrheol green well known for flooding, Romilly were a little apprehensive about getting the game finished.

The game began with Romilly struggling with a green much quicker than they are used to. While attempting to work out the green, the 'Rom' managed to restrict Penyrheol to just a six shot lead by the fifth end.

The game remained close and by the 10th end, the score was still relatively close but the 'Rom' were still behind by seven shots (33-40) with the rinks of B Foscolo and Jeff Wright holding narrow leads while the rinks of Mel Newman and Graham Cogbill were behind by six and nine shots respectively.

By the 15th end there were only two shots in the game in favour of the hosts, but the heavens opened and the green, as in previous years, began to flood and there were calls to end the game.

As 15 ends had been completed, and had the game had been called off, then the result would stand with Penyrheol winning and taking 10 points to Romilly's four. Fortunately for Romilly, the decision was taken to carry on for another end.

Then the rain suddenly stopped and the game was able to continue. Foscolo's and Wright's rinks were able to maintain their advantage, while Newman's rink, although losing, held their opponents over the last six ends. With Cogbill's rink making a brilliant comeback from being 12-2 down to eventually lose by only one shot, Romilly to ran out overall winners by six shots (77-71) taking 10 points against Penyrheol's four.

This result keeps Romilly on track for a first league title. Although there are five games to go, their nearest challengers have to come to Romilly Park to play which allows the 'Rom' players to believe that this is probably their best opportunity for years to claim the league title.

Rink scores (Romilly first): G Cogbill 14, R Skidmore 13; M Newman 17, A Stefanovich 26; B Foscolo 20, C Nott 16; J Wright 26, N Evans 14.

W a r d surgery
LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Barry, Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan will hold a surgery on Saturday, July 19 from 10am-11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library Kings Square. No appointment

Who wants to build what, and where?

Miss Katie Parsons-Young – **York Lodge, Llandough Hill, Penarth** – Proposed alteration to existing property, incorporation of a dormer roof conversion to rear of property. An extension to house and en-suite to side of property and an overhang to create a covered patio area to the front of property.

Rebecca Oakley – **3 Weston Avenue, Sully** – Blocked driveway, new fence enclosure and gates.
Mr Andrew Thomas – **59 High Street, Cowbridge** – Replacement of first floor windows with box sash double glazed units.

Mr and Mrs J Richards – **18 Victoria Road, Penarth** – The widening of an existing vehicular opening in a boundary wall.

Mr J Navidi – **Mill Barn, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – Proposed partial reconstruction and conversion of disused barns to form a three-bedroom dwelling.

Mr Andrew Lewis – **32 Clive Place, Penarth** – new roof, doors and fascia to existing prefabricated double garages.

Mr Robert Davies – **20 Fitzhammon Avenue, Llantwit Major** – Balcony with access from first floor bedroom.

Mr M A Morris – **Land immediately south of Gwern y Steeple** – Proposed stable block including new vehicular site access.

Ms Emma Heslop – **The Spinney, Colwinston, Cowbridge** – To convert existing integral garage space into additional living space and to provide detached garage space to garden area. Extension of current planning permission which expires October 22, 2014. Ref 2009/01122/FUL.

Mr Dean Chapman – **West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw** – Proposed new stable block within the curtilage of West Aberthaw Farm House.

Mr Stuart Andrews – **Glynderwen, Peterston Super Ely** – Erection of a two storey side extension with part single storey and part two storey extension to rear.

Mr Chris Pope – **Friendship, Higher End, St Athan** – Proposed rear and side extensions, plus internal alterations to remodel the dwelling.

Glendale Hotel/Villa Napoli Restaurant – **Glendale Hotel, 8 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Alterations to existing ground floor windows and existing terrace.

Joe Said – **The Sycamores, Higher End, St Athan** – Single storey rear extension to include the installation of bi-folding doors and three roof windows.

Mr and Mrs D B Williams – **The Keep, Llandough, Cowbridge** – Erection of new boundary wall and retention of garden extension to rear of property.

Mrs Kate Derbyshire – **Fairwinds, The Downs, St Nicholas** – Single storey garage extension, extension of existing single storey lean-to construction of timber framed workshop in rear garden.

Mr J Hitchcock – **The Rectory, Llandough** – Proposed four car garage.

Miss L C Regan – **Coach House, the Old Rectory, Leckwith Road, Llandough** – Proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling.

Mr and Mrs Marcus Lush – **19 Myrtle Close, Penarth** – Single storey/two storey rear extension.

Mr Peter Jones – **Dingle View, Heol y Cawl, Dinas Powys** – Dormer extension.

Mr and Mrs Reynolds – **16 Greys Drive, Boverton, Llantwit Major** – Conservatory extension to rear.

Mrs Cloke – **4 Machen Street, Penarth** – Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation.

Mr Kevan Regan – **2 Eastbrook Close, Dinas Powys** – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Glendale Hotel/Villa Napoli Restaurant – **Glendale Hotel, 8 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – Alterations to existing ground floor windows and existing terrace.
Mr Bernard Jeffries – **Grange Lodge, Grange Avenue, Wenvoe** – Remove heavy pendulous limb over slip lane of Lime tree.

Mrs Whetman – **Ashgrove Cottage, High Street, Llantwit Major** – Works to one ash tree; crown raise to 5.5m to provide clearance over access drive and to rebalance crown, shorten and heavily end-weighted lateral branches extending towards garage and over access road by 3-3.5m.

Mr David Lewis – **4 The Crescent, Pontypridd Road, Barry** – Demolish existing garage and construct new detached garage on footprint.

Mr G Foster – **2 Stony Lane, Cornstown** – Proposed balcony and glazed balustrade.

Mr Phil Nedin – **6 Robinswood Close, Penarth** – Proposed dormers to front elevation and rooflight; extend existing dormer to rear elevation; proposed porch.

Mr Saul Mendelssohn – **Pembrey Cottage, West Street, Llantwit Major** – First floor extension to rear over ground floor flat roof and single storey kitchen extension to rear. Removal of redundant outbuilding and chimney to rear.

Ms Nicola and Simon David and Parton – **Rear of 20 High Street, Cowbridge** – Proposed covered external access stair to existing stone-built property which is situated within the rear curtilage.

Mr Calvin Hill – **2 Harbour View Road, Penarth** – Construct a dormer loft conversion to the rear of the property.

Rhoose Bowling Club report

AFTER two weeks of inactivity due to cancelled fixtures, Rhoose Bowling Club entertained Maerdy Bowling Club at Celtic Park in Division Four of the Cardiff and district league.

Having won the first two matches and lost the third by a frustrating single shot, the club got back to winning ways by defeating Maerdy by 99 shots to 66 and gaining 12 points in the process.

The winning rinks were skipped by Paul Williams (a convincing win of 30 shots to 8), Ron Ball (who came back to win by 26 shots to 21) and captain Geoff Lages (22 shots to 15).

It would have been a clean sweep had Les Parsons not been denied by a lucky wick which took away five shots being held at the last but one end to lose eventually by one shot.

Unfortunately, there is no league fixture again next weekend due a club folding and leaving the league.

In the last few weeks, there have been good wins in the Munro Cup against Penarth Belle Vue and Cowbridge. However, we came down to earth with a heavy defeat at Rectory Road last Wednesday.

But all in all, with 12 wins in all matches and only four defeats, the season has been a big improvement from the same stage in previous seasons.

Rhoose Ladies

THE past week proved to be very successful for the ladies team at Rhoose Bowling Club.

On the previous Tuesday, they faced Barry Central in their double rink match. Despite one of the Rhoose players being forced to drop out during the match, the team secured an overall win by 26½ shots to 24.

In their afternoon league match, their opponents were Cowbridge Ladies. Despite losing on one rink, the team secured an overall win by 44½ shots to 36 shots for Cowbridge.

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'Big Fill' is back

THE Vale Council's Big Fill campaign is returning to tackle the issue of potholes across the area.

On July 26-27, the Big Fill team will begin their tour in the Dyfan ward area, and residents are being asked to report any unmarked potholes they find.

To bid for a pothole to be filled, residents can call 01446 700111, or email a i l bigfill@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, or use the interactive map on the Vale Council website.

The team will be taking bids to have potholes fixed in the Dyfan ward between July

21-25. The schedule for the other wards will be available on the council website, as well as in local press and on social media.

Operational manager for highways and engineering, Michael Clogg said: "I'm pleased to say the BIG Fill is back tackling potholes in every ward in the Vale. Our highways teams already work on the roads from Monday to Friday, but the extra help on the weekends through the BIG Fill campaign."

"There's no need to call if you see white or yellow paint markings around the pothole, as this shows the pothole is on our 'to do' list."

Heronbridge prize draw winners

DUE to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Heronbridge summer fête was changed to July 12.

However, in order to fulfil legal requirements, the grand prize draw was held on July 5 (the date printed on the tickets).

The winners were as follows: 1. Star Prize £100, Lee Page, ticket 10678; 2. £25, Michelle Stansfield, ticket 10920; 3. Shears and secateurs, Joyce Hier, ticket 8193; 4. Loppers and pruners, Natalie Moore, ticket 0417; 5. Garden saws and secateurs, Tom Ap

John-Williams, ticket 8219; 6. Body Toiletries, Hannah Coombs, ticket 9796; 7. Bottle of Chianti, Darren Thomas, ticket 0797; 8. Adidas Sports Bag, Mark Tierney, ticket 3246; 9. Bridge FM Goodies, Narda Hurley, ticket 10835; 10. Winter Warmers, Dilys Evans, ticket 8413; 11. Italian Pashmina, Mrs Waygood, ticket 7441; 12. Mars chocolates, Thelma Williams, ticket 5021.

Marjorie Nash (Chair of The Friends of Heronbridge)




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Brave Sophie wins a top Tenovus volunteer award!



ABOVE: SOPHIE WITH HER TROPHY.

A BARRY woman with Spina Bifida was honoured when Tenovus cancer charity, held its volunteer awards last week, in the presence of The Princess Royal, the charity's royal patron.

The awards, in association with NewLaw Solicitors, celebrate volunteers who support the charity.

The Boldest Award, handed to volunteers who demonstrate courage and bravery in helping Tenovus to achieve its aims, went to Sophie Woodham, 28, from Barry.

Sophie was born with Spina Bifida and uses a wheelchair. Despite constant pain as a result of her condition, she volunteers at Tenovus' charity shop in Barry, four days a week.

"Sophie's dedication is an inspiration to young people and her motto is 'if you can dream it, you can do it', which she applies to everything she does for Tenovus," said Cat Johnston, volunteer development manager at Tenovus.

"The achievements of Sophie, and all of our volunteer winners on the night, show just how vital our volunteers are to the work we do.

"Our volunteer awards are a fantastic way for us to say a huge thank you to all our hard working volunteers for the time and dedication they give to help us support cancer patients and their families in Wales."

The volunteer awards were again hosted by Carl Edwards, ITV Wales newsreader and long-time supporter of Tenovus. They were held at St David's Hotel and Spa in Cardiff Bay, which this year has chosen to support Tenovus as its charity of the year.

MAYOR'S CHARITY CHEQUE AWARDS LOCAL CAUSES GET £4,100



AS the term of office for the new Mayor of Barry begins, it was time for the outgoing Mayor, Coun Claire Curtis, to present cheques to her chosen charities the Jam Fund and Ty Hapus and to thank everyone for their support during her term in office.

Coun Curtis was joined by the chair of the Jam Fund, Paul Adamson, and his partner Denise at a celebratory afternoon tea at Ty Hapus.

The guests were welcomed by the centre manager Ellin Jones and many of the users and supporters of Ty Hapus.

Coun Curtis said: "I have had the most wonderful year in office as Mayor of Barry and have been proud and honoured to represent the town I grew up in.

"I would like to sincerely thank the many people and organisations I have met over the year for their kind welcome and for the hard work they do in the

town of Barry and beyond.

"I was very conscious when choosing my charities for the year that I wanted to pick local Barry organisations who rely on fundraising to survive, and I selected Ty Hapus and the Jam Fund.

"Through the help and support of many generous people, I raised a fantastic £4,100, which has been split equally between the two charities."

"Raising this sort of money can only be done with a lot of help and I would like to thank Barry Male Voice Choir, Barry Choral Society, Barry Ladies Choir, Jodi Bird, Emma Lee Wagner and Tim Reynolds for donating their time and talents to the fundraising events held.

"I would also like to thank family and friends who supported the coffee mornings held through the year. A big thank you must also go to Father Ben Andrews for being my chaplain for the year but also for the support he gave during my term."

Ellin Jones of Ty Hapus said: "The donation from Claire makes a huge difference to us at Ty Hapus and we were delighted to host the event here as a way of saying thank you."

Paul Adamson of Jam Fund added: "All I can say is a big thank you from the Jam Fund for the money raised; the support from Claire over the year has made a huge difference to us as a charity."

'BACK THE BARRY BEAVERS' – call



NEWS that his £3,000. Alun Cairns nomination of Barry commented: "I am Beavers Disabled absolutely delighted at Swimming Club has Barry Beavers' success been short-listed for the next stage of the help with such a great Bank Lloyds organization.

Community Fund "The club members 2014, has been should be very proud of their success thus far welcomed by the and I wish them the best Vale MP.

Barry Beavers was of luck in the public vote. one of the chosen four "We now need to plan organisations out to ensure that they win 4,500 applications to the public vote in will now be put forward September.

September. If Barry "After all, a Beavers win, the local significant sum is up for community will get grabs."

'BALLOT ON THE BUSHES'

BARRY Court ward Coun Richard Bertin is working with the Vale Council to consider the future of bushes in one of the town's streets.

The Vale Council is to consult with residents of Aneurin Road on whether overgrown shrubs on their green are to stay or be removed – following health and safety concerns being raised by locals.

Every Aneurin Road household will receive a letter asking for their views and will be balloted on what action they would like the local authority to take.

Local resident Mrs Gail Case says she would like the overgrowth removed completely to make the area safer.

Aneurin Road residents are expected to receive letters from the town's Parks Department within about six to eight weeks.

Barry hosting unique art international exchange

ART Central in Barry was the only UK destination to host to the unique exchange exhibition between the Welsh Group and the

International Society of Experimental Artists (ISEA).

It was officially opened on July 12 by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Howard Hamilton, who praised

the work on display and was delighted to welcome guests who had travelled all the way from the United States for the occasion.

The Welsh Group, established in 1948, exhibits tensively both in Wales and

Internationally. It currently has 44 active members located across the country.

The ISEA has a membership of over 800 artists from across the United States and Canada.

Simon Dancy, Global Director for Cultural Skills at the British Council, said: "I am delighted to have been invited to support an International Exchange Exhibition in my hometown."

The Welsh Group and International Society of Experimental Artists (USA) Exchange will be at Art Central Gallery until Saturday, August 30, (open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm).



Cheque for Ty Hafan at Tea Dance party

MEMBERS of the Penarth Tea Dance association (pictured above) attended a party at the Paget Rooms during Penarth Festival, when cakes were enjoyed by all, thanks to Tesco Express.

During the afternoon, a cheque was presented by the Mayor of Penarth to representatives from Ty Hafan in support of their good work at the Sully children's hospice.

TRAFFIC CHAOS

LAST weekend, I enjoyed two great air shows at RAF Fairford and at the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

Both the Royal International Air Tattoo and the Flying Legends shows were attended by thousands of people travelling in by car and yet each event was extremely well organised at getting huge volumes of traffic in and out of the events.

How can events such as these be so well organised and yet the Vale cannot get a fraction of the traffic from Barry Island without causing huge delays?

Yes, we need a new road to the Island, but we have a perfectly working two-lane road there now. (Name and address supplied)





The pupils involved in the club: Ellie Stuart, Chloe Ballinger, Taleigha Sims, Lisa Grice, Ellie Morgan, Thea Ruscoe, and Bethan Roberts.

Rhws pupils look to a role in the community

OVER the course of this academic year, Rhws Primary School has carried out a 'Community Club,' with pupils from years 4 to 6 focused on giving back to their local community.

This past term has seen seven year-6 girls spend time with the staff and residents of Bay View Nursing Home in Rhooose. The girls planned and carried out a detailed timetable full of a range of fun and engaging activities for the residents.

From arts and crafts, to story-telling to performing multiple song and dance routines, the pupils have selflessly volunteered their spare time in school and at home. They have shown a level of understanding and responsibility beyond their years and have worked very hard to enrich the lives of others.

Rhws Primary School and Bay View nursing home now look forward to continuing this relationship into the next academic year.

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OUT AND ABOUT

THIS Sunday, July 20, at 2.30pm, the Methodist churches of Barry and St Athan will meet by the beach at Barry Island for a 'Summer Praise' service.

For more information, contact Rev Peter Taylor on 01446 406262.

'Razzamatazz Robots' is this year's theme for the Methodist Churches' Holiday Clubs across the Vale for children aged 4-11.

For full details of dates and venues, contact Deacon Samantha Taylor on 01446 406262 or deaconsam@live.co.uk

Valeways walks

ON July 20 at 2pm, 'Lavernock around' starts at The Captain's Wife, Lavernock.

On Monday, July 21 at 10am, 'Walk and Click' starting at Cosmeston park visitor centre.

On Tuesday, July 22 at 1.30pm, 'Dyffryn and St Lythan's circular' starting at Dyffryn Gardens entrance to shop.

On Wednesday, July 23, the coffee shop strollers meet at 10.30am at Cosmeston park visitor centre.

On Thursday, July 24 at 10am, 'Up the Valley', starting at the Cross Inn,

Llanblethian, Church Road CF71 7JF.

On Sunday, July 27 at 2pm, 'Summer walk to lakes', starting at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys. Also on July 27 at 2pm, 'Dros y Twyni/Over the Downs', starting at the Bush Inn car park, St Hilary.

Penarth open gardens trail THE 18th annual Open Gardens Trail in Penarth takes place on Saturday, July 26 from 10am-6pm and Sunday, July 27 from 11am-5pm.

There are nine gardens and Sully Terrace private allotments open. Artist Diana Mead, will be selling paintings and cards at 77 Coleridge Avenue; Cathy O'Docherty has a glass studio; 4 Tudor Close will have homemade marmalades/jams/chutneys/cakes as well as filled rolls and cream teas; extensive plant stall and raffle.

Admission is by rover ticket, purchased at any one of the gardens, £5; includes tea/coffee at No. 4; children admitted free. All proceeds go to The Children's Society.

Charity barbecue

THERE will be a barbecue to raise funds for Cancer Research at the Kings Head, Llantwit Major, on July 26 at

4pm. There will be fun, games, and a raffle.

Classic cars FOLLOWING cancellation of the SWCCC show at Pencoed in May, the club is holding a smaller classic car show in Porthcawl, in conjunction with the Porthcawl Lions Club, on August 3 at the Porthcawl Rugby Club.

This is to follow on from activities arranged by the Porthcawl Museum on the Saturday to mark the beginning of the Great War.

Shadows Club ON August 12 at Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road (029 2030 9979), South Wales Shadows Club meets. Admission £3; all welcome.

Family bike ride

ON Sunday, September 7 at 2pm, the local committee for Cancer Research UK will be holding a sponsored family bike ride at the Porthcawl Rugby Club.

Contact details for the route and sponsor forms from Winn Roberts (01656 782880), Sue Sharp (773670) and Diane Jones (784762).

Sponsor forms will also be available from the rugby club who are supporting Cancer Research on the day.

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Lenny who were her world. Jean fought and
won many battles against ill health, but this was
one too many for even her courage and
determination. She will leave an unfillable gap
in the lives of her many friends.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Tynwydd Funeral
home, Gladstone Road Barry until her funeral
service in the chapel on Monday July 21st at
1.00pm followed by cremation at the Cardiff &
Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only but donations to Marie Curie
Hospice would be appreciated to help the fight
against this most cruel disease. Our grateful thanks
to the nurses and staff at Llandough Hospital and
especially Marie Curie Hospice, whose care and
affection for Jean was faultless.

DAVID WYLIE

A gentle and caring man died peacefully on 30th
June. Dearly loved and missed by his wife Joyce,
and all his family.

Special thanks to Ward E18 Llandough Hospital
for their kindness and support.

LEA Mair

Mair Lea, aged 87, passed away peacefully in her sleep
on 13th July 2014 at Edward Prince of Wales Court,
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Loving Mamma to Megan, Huw, Carwyn, Angharad,
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Funeral to take place Tuesday 22nd at 1.45pm at Coychurch
Crematorium, Bridgend and afterwards at Edward Prince
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TEBBY Sylvia

Peacefully on July 10 at Princess of Wales
Hospital, Bridgend, Sylvia of Llantwit Major,
beloved wife of John, dearly loved mother of the
Late Robert, and loving sister of Peter and the
Late Ray Mayle. Sylvia will be greatly missed by
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LEWIS Gilbert

Peacefully on July 8 at Princess of Wales Hospital
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Cae Gwyn is a large secret garden with many
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pergolas and sweeping lawns.

Number 28 Port Road is a mini smallholding with
lots of creative, eccentric touches, lush, unmanicured,
jungly feel with meandering path.

76 Port Road is a newly-developed garden with
stunning views over the Vale, a wonderful old
greenhouse, and newly planted borders with more to
come

Open: July 26 (1pm-5.30) admission £5.

Bolgoed Gardens, Bolgoed Road, Pontarddulais, Swansea, Glamorgan, SA4 8JP

CAEGLAS garden borders Bolgoed Ganol Farm. The
planting is on many levels and incl streams with a lake
and a woodland and bog garden.

A short stroll along the lake lies Bolgoed Ganol
Farm cottage garden, with its circular lawn and pretty
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with interesting planting

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Dinas Powys Village Gardens, Dinas Powys, Glamorgan, CF64 4TL

FIVE gardens in this friendly village, all with
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Brookleigh is a large garden, many specimen trees,
three colourful herbaceous borders, plus a large
established pond and a bog area.

Number 18 Mill Road is an urban garden created six
years ago, from what was substantially a vegetable
garden. Completely replanted, although still work
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30 Millbrook Road is a large beautiful family garden
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22 Llwyn Road, Cwmgor, Ammanford, Glamorgan, SA18 1RD

A well-established garden with mature trees, with
newer elements added. The history garden is the latest
edition and incl a stone circle! Two ponds, herbaceous
borders, an alpine garden with cairn, woodland areas as
well as fruit and vegetable plots provide lots of interest.

There is even a little secret garden hidden away with
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Open: For NGSS: July 29 (10am-5pm) admission £3.

Bryn-y-Ddafad, Welsh St Donats, Cowbridge, Glamorgan, CF71 7ST

SMALL courtyard garden with raised beds informally
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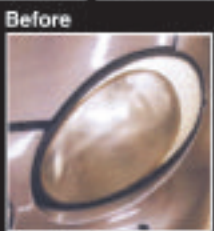
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Local dancers have Motion for awards!

THE Local Motion Dance Company is celebrating several news awards.

They were awarded the Bronze INSPORT award for their commitment to inclusion and providing the only weekly dance class for children and young people with disabilities.

They were also winners at the 2014 Vale Youth Awards under the arts category, for the hard work and performances they have produced over the past year in the community. The street dance teams have both qualified to compete for Wales at the UDO World Streetdance Championships in Glasgow next month. ERA competed in the under18 novice section against many other teams from across the UK at the UDO British Championships earlier in the year and were placed third.

They also took part in the WDO Street Slam competition later on in the month and came home with lots of trophies from different categories.

Yasmin and Kia Harcourt came first in the little 'n' large, Hannah Bishop came second in the over 16 solo, our quad was awarded second place in the under 16s. ERA crew consisting of Kia Harcourt, Billie James-Cayton, Ryan Hodge, Keyleigh Borge, Hannah Bishop, and Harriet Knowles came third in the over 16 division, our dance teacher Yasmin came third in the teachers freestyle with Billie achieving fifth place in her under 16 solo and her duet with Ryan also being awarded fifth.

The children's team JuVenile recently won the under 12 WDO title along with Lloyd Williams who took first place in the under-12 solo and third in duos with Jasmin Miller. Tillie McKechnie was awarded third in her under-12 solo with Elise Butler in fifth place. Huge thanks goes to Olivia Shouler and Yasmin Harcourt for their hard work and great choreography with both dance groups.

Both teams are looking to raise funds to help them attend this prestigious event by undertaking various sponsored events at Waitrose where you can choose them for your token in the Community Matters scheme this month.

Their fundraising efforts have won them the Recognition Award at the 2014 Vale Youth Awards and they will be performing alongside other groups from Motion Control Dance at the Barry Rugby Club Fun Day on July 19 between 1pm-3pm and the Fire station Fun Day on July 26 between 12pm-2pm.

For more details of the dance programme that gives all children and young people living in the Vale 'A Chance 2 Dance', contact Emma Mallam, dance co-ordinator, on 07725038778 or visit www.motioncontroldance.co.uk.



Cadet Jake leads the way in district sailing regatta

LAST weekend, Barry Sea Cadets hosted the south Wales district sailing regatta for Sea Cadets; with windsurfing, as well as four sailing classes, good winds made for some exciting sailing on Barry Docks.

Sub Lt (SCC) W D Elliott RNR said: "This was a very successful event with six out of the seven Sea Cadet units in south Wales taking part. Everyone had a great day and a lot of fun."

Cadet Jake Richardson from the Barry unit won

the topper class and will be going to HMS Excellent in Portsmouth at the end of the month to represent south Wales in the area competition.

He said: "It's fantastic to win, and I'm really looking forward to going on to the next stage of the competition. I'm glad I came to Cadets and learnt to sail."

Barry Sea Cadets parade on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and can be contacted by e-mail at barryseacadets@gmail.com.

Cadet Richardson being presented with the Topper trophy by Sub Lt (SCC) W Elliott.





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Tough times for the Cowbridge lady bowlers

Cowbridge Lady bowlers played two away matches this week, first in the CCS at Llantwit Major, and then in the League at Rhooose, and they were defeated in both.

In the CCS match at Llantwit they lost 28-55, losing on all three rinks. The rink with Janet Morton, Sian Lewis, Shirley Wilkinson and Skip Joy Woolford lost 8-16.

Lynda Wilson, Dorothy Pritchard, Joan Bradley and Skip Pat Holdsworth lost 9-15, and the rink with Diane Lloyd, Phyllis Price, Sue Flower and Skip Kay Edwards lost 11-24.

In their league match against Rhooose, they lost 36-44 1/2, and sadly, Rhooose had to lose a 1/4 of their score on each rink as they only had 9 players. Cowbridge had one winning rink which was Janet Morton.

Diane Lloyd, Pat Davey and Skip Shirley Wilkinson, who won 15-13 1/2. Lynda Wilson, Joy Woolford, Pat Holdsworth and Skip Sue Flower's rink lost 11-13 1/2, and the rink with Diane Purnell, Sylvia Hole, Kay Edwards and Skip Joan Bradley lost 10-17 1/2. The ladies have two home matches next week.

The men had a win - at last - in a Munro Cup match at home against a weakened Barry Central side with only 14 players, so they lost 1/4 of their

score on 2 rinks. The rink with Colin Wilson, Bryan Hole, Guy Morton and

Skip Byron Richards just won 12-8 1/4. On Len Taylor, Mick Davey, Rob Lewis and Skip John Trott's rink they won well 17-8 1/4. The rink with Gerwyn Watkins, Jim Hewlett, Peter Lauder and Skip Ron Frayling just won 19-17, but on the rink with Terry Dunsworth, Ron Woolford, Clive Pritchard and Skip Norman Wilkinson, they sadly lost 13-14 after dropping 3 shots on the last end.

In our League match at home to Llantrisant, we lost 64-98, but won on two rinks, and if the rink with Terry Dunsworth, Bryan Hole, Byron Richards and Skip Norman Wilkinson hadn't been beaten by an excellent Llantrisant team, losing by 7 shots to 45, the game would have been a lot closer!

The two winning rinks were: Clive Pritchard, Len Taylor, Guy Morton and Skip Mike Bradley with a very good win 21-13, and Skip Roger Barwick's rink with Mansel Davey, Rob Lewis, John Jones, who won 17-15. The rink with Charles Sanders, Peter Lauder, Brian Williams and Skip John Trott, lost 19-25. We are playing away next week against top of the table Senghenydd!

NJW

Double triumph for Tim Vaughan

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan landed a double at Uttoxeter last week, with Nathan's Pride and Spanish Optimist.

The former won the opening two mile hurdle and the latter took the two mile and four furlong chase.

Nathan's Pride, who was ridden by Alan Johns, won by four-and-a-half lengths from

You've Been Moved and the Richard Johnson-partnered Spanish Optimist scored by seven lengths from Alf The Audacious.

Llancafan's Evan Williams was successful at the recent Stratford meeting with Buck Mulligan who, under stable jockey Paul Moloney, won by three

and a quarter lengths from Seventh Sky. **BRIAN LEE**

Latest results at Millwood Bowling Club

RESULTS for June 26, Munro Cup (home):

Millwood 68, Barry Central 61, June 26, Division 3 (home); Millwood 90, Romilly A 60; Division 5 (away); Millwood A 64, Llantrisant A 107, June 29, A Martin Memorial Cup (home); Millwood 43, Penarth 40, July 7, Munro Cup (home); Millwood 63, Barry Athletic 64, July 5, Division 3 (home); Millwood 79, Romilly A 60; Division 5 (away); Millwood A 90, Llantwit Major A 66, July 12, Division 5 (home); Millwood A 82, Ely 100.

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'CASUAL' DAY FOR THE WANDERERS

ON a breezy, sunny day at Hayes Point, Sully, Barry Wanderers entertained local rivals Cardiff Casuals in a very friendly cricketing affair.

Losing the toss, skipper Andy Fenton was asked to field, and Dafydd Howell was keeper for the day. Fenton and young Theo Richards opened up the attack and both were soon in the wickets, Fenton with a simple caught and bowled off a slower ball, and Richards with a wicket caught by Henry Dawson.

Mason-Wickes for the Casuals, dug in and was aggressive when the bowling was loose. Young Grant Buckingham was so unlucky not to have a wicket in his spell of 6-0-28-0 – the BWCC fielders not quite hanging on to a couple of touch chances.

Sam Harris bowled from his nemesis end but took two wickets in his spell of 7-1-33-2. Guest West Ender Neil Holmes also was very tight with 7-4-17-0, and runs were hard to come by for the Casuals.

With Dan Bowles chipping in with a wicket, excellently caught by the diving Paul Sawyer, and Dawson mopping up

the tail with his under-used wicket to wicket medium pacers, the Casuals ended up on 151 all out with Mason-Wickes contributing 70, and Ed Stewart 29.

After an unrivalled tea, BWCC opened their innings with Bowles and Sawyer who both needed an early bath due to work and musical commitments. Bowles went caught behind for 8, Sawyer for a swift 17 and when Sam Harris mis-timed his drive to cover, BWCC were in bother at 47 for 3.

Another visiting West Ender, Rhys Howell's experience and aggressive stroke-play dominated the bowling. Skipper Fenton joined him at the crease, and with a little bit of luck and some well executed shots along the way, the total was chased down.

Towards the end of the chase, Howell reached his 50 and ended on 57 not out. Fenton also achieved his 50 and won the game with his third six into the trees, BWCC winning by seven wickets.

Thanks to those involved for making the day happen, and to the tea ladies for ensuring the chaps were fed and watered.

AF

School achieves success!

ONCE again the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do represented Barry as they travelled to Cheltenham where over 250 competitors from all over the UK converged to take part in the Global Tae Kwon Do open Championships.

Six gold, six silver and five bronze were the rewards for a successful day competing for the Cadoxton Taekwondo school students.

The championship started with the pattern categories where Jessie Blackley took first place and the gold in her category. Competing for the first time young Cameron Evans who took a credible second place in his pattern category.

In the Pee Wee point



sparrring category, we had Mad, Maddison Allen, who battled her way into the final to eventually take the silver and second place.

Competing for the first time we had Cameron Evans and Ethan Andrus, Cameron was in the boys lightweight point sparring, Ethan in the boys middleweight point sparring was competing, even though he recently had his big toe nail removed. He did extremely well just missing out on a podium place, while Cameron fought well to come home with the bronze.

In the girls lightweight point sparring, we had Jessie Blackley, Jessie dominated her category with her kicking ability Jessie went on to take first place and her second gold of the day, while in the boy's Middleweight continuous sparring

category we had Cian Allen - having fought through the rounds Cian eventually he came away with second place.

Competing in the boys lightweight continuous sparring, Cody Jacobsen, being the smallest in his category, took his bigger opponent into extra time twice, with the bout finally being decided by one point Cody taking third place.

Competing in the boys blue belt Middleweight continuous sparring, Joel Wells showed that all his hard work in classes had paid off to come away with third place and the bronze. In the boys light heavyweight continuous sparring category, Mason Blackley gave a good account of himself, taking his opponent into extra time twice, with the referee having to make the final decision he gave the bout to Mason's

opponent. Having gone up a category into the boys heavyweight section, Matthew Bennett competed in the point and continuous sparring found himself up against much bigger opponents just losing out in the point sparring; Matthew went on to take a very hard fought third place in the continuous category.

Also competing up a category into the girls light heavyweight point and continuous sparring categories, we had Lucy Newman. Giving a good account of herself competing against bigger and older opponents Lucy came away with a third in point and a second place in continuous sparring.

In the women's lightweight point & continuous sparring sections, we had both Keita Enfield and Anita Sheppard, Anita taking third place in the point

sparring, while Keita went on to take first and the gold. In the women's lightweight continuous sparring both Anita and Keita fought their way into the final with Anita coming away with second and Keita taking her second gold of the day.

Dominating the boys middleweight point and continuous sparring sections, Bradley Halford took first place and the gold in both his categories making Bradley and Keita double National Open Champions.

Pictured above are Bradley Halford, Matthew Bennett, Anita Sheppard, Cian Allen, Ethan Andrus, Ron Thomas (instructor), Jessie Blackley, Cody Jacobsen, Joel Wells, Cameron Evans and Maddison Allen. Missing are Keita Enfield, Mason Blackley and Lucy Newman.

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LLANTWIT LADY BOWLERS ENJOY SUCCESSFUL WEEK

THE sun shone and our ladies enjoyed a very successful week.

On Monday we welcomed Millwood to play a rearranged league fixture and won on 2 rinks: L. Crouch, M. Horgan, E. Nichols, C. Willmot 20-14; K. Johnes, P. Pike, J. Molloy, M. Morgan 23-7. Unfortunately Etta's rink, H. Tilley, V. Bael, D. Hurley, and E. Gray, although playing against three, had a tough game losing 13-17 1/4.

On Tuesday, we were more fortunate, winning on all three rinks against Cowbridge in the CCS. Usually, Cowbridge quickly adjust to our green, but they found it difficult on Tuesday.

The teams were E. Hardie, P. Brown, D. Hurley, J. Molloy, 24-11; K. Johnes, L. Oatley, M. Morgan, 16-8; M. Horgan, M. Andrews, V. Bael, E. Nichols, 15-9. Our new bowlers excelled.

On Thursday, Barry Central came to play a league game and we managed to take the full 10 points, a little better than when we played them at Barry Central when we came away with only 4 points although winning on 2 of the 3 rinks.

The teams were K. Johnes, P. Pike, V. Bael, M. Lewis, 21-18; L. Crouch, N. Horgan, E. Nichols, C. Willmot, 29-10; E. Hardie, D. Hurley, J. Molloy, M. Morgan, 29-11 1/4. Carol Willmot

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STUDENTS PROSPER IN TOURNAMENT!



ON June 21, Barry Kyokushin took nine junior students to the Cadet Knockdown Kyokujitsu tournament, Little Hadham, Herts.

Barry Kyokushin took home one gold, one silver and two bronze places, as well as first place in the synchronised Team Kata (pattern) section.

Lucy Chick received third place for the 10-12 year olds (under 145cm) after showing great determination in all fights. Josie Allen took home a much-deserved third place in the 9 year old category

after two strong fights. Cerys Case took home silver and impressed everyone in her three fights in the 5-6 year olds (under 110cm).

After five incredible fights, Justine Bolanos shone and took gold for the 7-8 year olds (over 125cm) division, as well as first place along with Ben Bolanos and Lianne Lirio for synchronised Team Kata, beating all eight teams that entered.

The Barry team received praise from many of the other competitors and heads and chief referee of the IKKU for their skill and standard.

Barry Kyokushin is incredibly proud of all junior students who attended and fought, every student showed fantastic spirit, fighting ability and all were incredibly humble.

Senpai Phill Sedgmond commented: "All the juniors that attended this tournament throughout the UK showed incredible spirit.

"Some had a wealth of fighting experience; our juniors went up to their first-ever cadet knockdown tournament and they really shook up their more experienced and sometimes much bigger opponents."



"It really was a proud moment for me. A massive congratulation is in order for Sam Allen, Matt Mielniczuk, Tomek Czynniki, Lianne Lirio and Ben Bolanos, who although they didn't place at this tournament, trained very hard and showed great spirit and determination."

Barry Kyokushin train on Monday and Wednesday at 6.30pm-7.30pm for juniors, and 7.30pm-9.00pm for seniors, and Sunday 10am-11.30am.

To find out more visit them on Facebook or at www.bkkc.co.uk or contact Phill Sedgmond on 01446 408974.

PS

Petanque titles hotly contested

THE Welsh Petanque Association (WPA) national competitions are excellent arena for players to prove their ability, in a competitive but friendly environment.

The national over-55 triples championship took place in Wenvoe Petanque Club was won by Kon Tomczyk, Barbara Vaughan (both of Caerleon RFC PC) and Phil Bradshaw (Monkstone Inn PC).

Between June 27 and 29, a Welsh squad comprising Kon. Barbara, Jake Caston and Peter Beresford, represented Wales at the European Veteran's Championship in Luleå, Sweden.

The ladies triples, was held on April 6 at Monkstone PC, in Roath. The winners were Julie Bailey, Gay Evans (both

of Monkstone Inn PC) and Gemma Foster (of Wheatshaf PC).

Currently the team are in Luxembourg taking part in a European competition, by invitation.

Representatives of the ladies team will then be playing in the Women's European Championship in Mersin, Turkey, in September. We wish them luck!

On May 28, Kon Tomczyk won the National Shooting Championship at Caerleon RFC PC. On June 1, playing in Brecon RFC PC, the doubles championship was taken by Richard Harris and Kon (both of Caerleon RFC PC).

Jake Caston of The Wheatshaf PC won the national singles championship on June 22, held at Abergavenny PC.

The national triples competition took place last Sunday, at Wenvoe and was won by Peter Westall (Monkstone PC), Phil Bradshaw and Glyn Attley (both of Monkstone Inn PC).

The WPA is looking forward to the mixed doubles competition to be held on July 20 at the Monkstone PC in Roath.

If you are interested in finding out more about the sport, please visit our website www.welshpetanque.or.uk

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PREGNANT ALAITZ DELIVERS GOLF TITLE!

A woman golfer is looking forward to giving birth in a couple of months, after helping to deliver the Welsh Ladies Team Championship for her club.

Southerdown's Alaitz Zubikarai was 29 weeks pregnant when she won the deciding match on the 19th hole at centenary-celebrating Whitchurch golf club.

The club are planning a champagne reception next month to celebrate the achievement by the team.

Zubikarai played every round leading up to the final against a strong Newport team, with two of the final matches going down to the 19th hole and both being won by Southerdown.

Southerdown captain Norma Barber was delighted with the win. "It was thrilling, we were not expected to win because Newport have such a strong team with

three internationals. We were losing and I could not see any way back.

"Rachel Lewis had an eagle to win her match, Georgia Lewis was three down at one point but got a birdie on the 19th to win – and then it all came down to Alaitz.

"She was 29 weeks pregnant and had played in the morning, though an easy win then had helped. She missed a putt on 17 to win and then went in the water on the 18th because she was so tired by then.

"She was worn out but had to go up the 19th but won it then. She played so well but was so tired by the end. Everybody was ecstatic and ran to her all crying, we could not believe what had happened.

"Whitchurch was a wonderful course for the event, it was in beautiful condition, and we could go out and celebrate in Cardiff afterwards – though Alaitz went home because she was so tired!"

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Dropped 'catch' costs the Vale Firsts dear

The Vale Firsts played Whitchurch Heath Firsts at Corntown and Whitchurch won by three wickets after the Vale batted first.

Although Vale Firsts succumbed to another defeat the performance was much better than the previous week. Vale maintained their record of winning every single toss this season and decided to bat first.

Steady progress was made, not withstanding Jonny Davies having to retire hurt having taken a blow to the helmet.

Vale lost their first wicket with the score on 36 and regular wickets fell throughout the innings, with starts being made but no batsman going on to make a sizeable innings.

On returning to the fray, Davies was bowled for 29 and starts were made by Billy Yates 16, Paul Sheppard 15 and Mark Francis 13.

Gareth Andrews batted very well in the middle order for 30 and it was left to Ollie Pike, with another very useful innings of 26 not out, to take the Vale's score passed 200.

Vale finally finished on 202-9 off their 50 overs with Mo Khan producing the best bowling figures of 3-38 for Whitchurch Heath.

Darren Upham struck early with Sheppard taking a catch at slip via an assist from wicket keeper Andrews.

A lively spell from Pike went unrewarded. Vale turned to spin and an outstanding bit of stumping by Andrews off Davies accounted for Whitchurch Heath captain Tibbs.

A very well judged catch by Davies at extra cover off Matthew Williams accounted for the home side's third wicket.

With their opener R Pearce looking a threat he skied one off Davies only for Francis to put the catch down, an error that would prove to be costly for Vale as the match progressed.

Francis was then introduced to the attack and with Davies restricted the opposition's scoring rate as well as making some inroads into their middle order.

Another good catch behind by Andrews off Davies and 2 wickets by Francis had Whitchurch 106-6, putting the odds on victory in Vale's favour but frustrating Pearce twice edged behind off Davies without being given out.

At the end of their spells Davies finished with 2-26 and Francis with 2-27 both off 10 overs.

Unfortunately, Pearce gave Vale another chance before completing his century only for Francis to again drop a low chance at mid off.

Pike returned to pick up Vale's seventh wicket by bowling Pearce for 102 but it was too late to prevent Whitchurch Heath reaching their target in the 47th over.

This was a vast improvement in performance from Vale and a game they could and probably should have won.

Vale's bowling figures were Ollie Pike 9.3-2-49-1; Darren Upham 8-0-36-1; JJ Davies 10-2-26-2; Matthew Williams 7-0-42-1; Mark Francis 10-1-27-2, and Billy Yates 2-0-16-0.

MF

Barry Chess Club attends first Colwyn Bay Congress

IT is pleasing to note that Barry Chess Club players turn up at all sorts of events all over the place. Barry Chess Club was the only East Glamorgan club to be represented at the recent first Colwyn Bay Congress.

Craig Woolcock took part in a very strong 5 round event. His 5 opponents had an average rating of 2238.

To put this into context there are only 8 Welsh registered players with an individual rating above this average.

Craig performed admirably, beating a 2018 Rated player and drawing with players rated 2172 and 2202, to return with 2 points from a possible 5 and earning 19 Ratings points in the process.

In the final round, Craig was drawn against a GM in Keith Arke who has a rating of 2555.

Although Craig lost this particular match, he will have learned a lot and will have come back a much stronger player for the experience.

I was unable to attend the recent Welsh Chess Union AGM, but instead, arranged for a representative to attend this meeting to give me a report on the proceedings.

I received a very concise and accurate report, until it came to the appointment of a new registration secretary.

I was informed that this post is now held by

"a bloke from Gwent!"

On the understanding that there are many males currently living in Gwent, I fail to see how I can trace this gentlemen should the need arise!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or an occasional friendly game.

New players are welcome to turn up on the night, but contact a club member for full information about the night in question.

For more details, visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yol.asite.com>

PHIL JONES

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 8:

First, Mike Best and Mark Roderick 66.19 per cent; second, Mike Close and Denis Mottram 63.81 per cent; third, Kay Dyer and Noelle Bond 60.95 per cent. Mike Best and Mark Roderick also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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VALE RESORT KEEPS CHLOE IN THE SWIM!

THE Vale Resort in Hensol is helping drive Wales' medal hopes at this summer's Commonwealth Games, by donating a car to a promising young swimmer.

Chloe Tutton (17), from the Rhondda, currently holds national Welsh swimming records in the 200m breaststroke, 200m individual medley and 400m individual medley, as well as being part of the record-holding 4 x 100m free team.

Chloe will now be part of the 23-strong swimming squad representing Wales at the Commonwealth Games, which kicks off in Glasgow on July 23, competing in the 200m breaststroke and 4 x 100m medley team.

Miss Tutton's coach, Olympic swimming mastermind Dave Haller, approached the Vale Resort for support to get the young hopeful to the Games. Gerald Leeke, Vale Resort and Leekes retail Group Chairman was only too happy to help, providing a car to help with the burgeoning transport costs associated with attending training and competitions.

Paul Beddoe, sales



Thumbs up for medal hopes!

and marketing director, this month and we are all at this year's the Vale Resort, said: excited to follow Chloe's Commonwealth Games, taking place in Glasgow fantastic young talent Wales will be between July 27-August competing in Glasgow represented in 17 sports 3.

VALE SECONDS' INNINGS 'FALLS AWAY' AT THE END

VALE SECONDS lost to Whitchurch Heath Seconds on Saturday, July 12, by eight wickets.

Having secured a very good win last week, the Vale Seconds slumped to a heavy defeat in Cardiff at table toppers Whitchurch Heath.

The home side won the toss and asked Vale to make first use of the wicket.

Richard Evans, promoted to the opening role, raced to 36, including 7 boundaries, and scored 36 out of the 39 run opening partnership before being caught.

Skipper for the day Steve Harper departed without troubling the scores but son, Matthew, along with the steady Aaron Stephens, got the score to 82 before being adjudged lbw for 18.

When Aaron Stephens fell for a well made 37 the innings fell away but not

before some defiance from Adam Jones who made 15. Vale finished 132 all out in the 44th over.

In truth Vale never looked like winning this game as a 53 run opening partnership set Whitchurch Heath on their way to a comfortable win.

A catch by Mark Stephens off Matt Harper and a wicket for Adam Jones ensure that Vale picked up a bowling point as the home side reached their target in the 29th over for the loss of 2 wickets. Adam Jones completed a good personal day's work with figures of 9-4-23-1.

Vale's bowling figures were Kevin Jones 3-0-32-0, Matt Harper 6-0-28-1, Adam Jones 9-4-23-1, Alex Upham 5-1-19-0, Gerwyn Teague 3-2-0-19-0 and Tom Harper 2-0-9-0.

MF

Cadoxton bowlers are on form... Home clash against Abercynon

On Saturday, July 12, Cadoxton were the hosts for the ML4 match against Abercynon with the outcome a victory for Cadoxton.

Once again the top rink was skipped by Kelvin Chedgoy. They took the lead on the third end with a '4' and held it throughout. This was followed by a 1, 2, 3, and another 4 to open a 12 shot advantage.

By the 18th end the difference was 16 shots, when two '3's were conceded, but almost recovered with '4' on the last.

Howard Craven's rink started with a winning streak of 8 ends for a 13 - 0 lead. A single stopped the run and with a '5' two ends later the advantage was reduced to eight.

Another winning period brought the score to 23 - 6. Five of the final 6 ends brought success to the visitors but the home side finished comfortable winners.

Don Kuhnell skipped his rink to a 12 - 5 lead before a '4' was scored against.

Six shots were scored in the next 5 ends, but then a good period for the visitors brought them to within two shots. This was improved by a '3' on the next with two ends left, but reduced with a '2'.

On the final end the

opposing skip trailed the jack behind a bunch of five of his bowls. This was converted to just three to tie the game.

John Jones had a close beginning on his rink. The scores were tied after nine ends, but with only 3 more scoring ends the opponents built a big score including two '5's in the closing stages.

Scores: L. Davies, S. Clarke, D. Brook, H. Craven 25 12; P. Swannick, R. Harding, P. Ellis, K. Chedgoy 29 15; I. Robertson, D. Evans, G. Davies, D. Kuhnell 21 21; G. Solomon, A. Carpenter, D. Jeffries, J. Jones 15 31. Final score: 90 - 79.

On the same day, Cadoxton 'A' clashed with Caerphilly Social in MLS.

Despite going down on all four rinks, the Cadoxton A side turned in a creditable performance against top of division Caerphilly Social.

New recruit Arthur Field played well on his introduction to league bowls and other Cadoxton players fought equally valiantly.

Skip David Tuck said that he had never used as much chalk in a game as he did on the many touchers of lead bowler Ewan Heppenstall and team captain David Fanning.

Final score: 102 - 38

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Centurions recover to beat rivals Barry Athletic

SULLY Centurions First XI hosted local rivals Barry Athletic on Saturday and came back from a near disastrous position to win by two wickets.

Batting first, Barry had a poor start, losing two wickets for 8 within the first 5 overs.

Nathan Cuddihy (2-16) and Jake Griffith (2-40) made the visitors work hard for runs for the first few overs, with Barry taking 10 overs to reach 20.

Hugh Smith (22) Aaron Smith (22) and a very good 75 from Steve Provis ensured Barry were in with a chance, but apart from a gutsy 47 from Usswald and a late 20 from Frost, the rest of the batsmen ended in single figures.

The innings closed on 211 all out, with Sully skipper Lloyd Bruce (3-40) and Adam Sylvester (2-46) being the other wicket takers.

After tea Centurions set about reaching the target but were soon in trouble, slumping to 46 for 4 after 19 overs.

However, a middle order rally, which saw half centuries for Jake Griffith and Tom Davies, as well as 27 from Ben Spear, ensured Centurions were right back in the mix.

The winning runs were hit in the 48th over, for the loss of 8 wickets. For Barry, the ever reliable Gee (2 for 24) and Jones (2 for 23) kept the visitors interested, but the best figures were returned by Ferriday, who ended with 3 for 54.

Sully Centurions 212 for 8 Barry Athletic 211 all out

SECOND XI

The Second XI made the short journey to neighbours Barry Athletic and came out second best.

Father and son combination, Martin and Ashley Baker, shared a marvellous unbeaten 4th wicket stand of 190 to put the hosts in a commanding position at the half way stage.

Ashley Baker reached 101 not out and Martin ended on 82 not out to leave Barry on 253 for 3 after the

allotted 45 overs.

All of the Centurion bowlers took a bit of a hammering, with only Harri Edwards, who took 1 for 31, Emma Davies (1-42) and Nick Jones (1-44) having any success.

The Centurions' innings got off to a poor start. After skipper Dave Sylvester departed for just 2, Munim Khan was next to go for 13, with the score on 28.

Ricky Griffith and Nick Jones gave the visitors some hope with an entertaining third wicket partnership of 56, before Jones was bowled by Davies for 16.

Ricky went on to reach 67 before he became the first of Malpas's five victims, with the score on 123-4.

Mark Burnett was the victim of a freak accident when the ball rebounded off the top of his bat and crashed into his nose, causing him to leave the field for running repairs.

After Tom Pascoe had hit 20, followed by a couple of lower order ducks, Mark came back on to hit a total of 16 before Malpas, who ended on 5 for 16, claimed his wicket, with the score on 160.

Only one more run was added before the last wicket went down in the 42nd over, leaving Barry Athletic to run out winners by 92 runs.

Barry Athletic II 253/3 Sully Centurions II 161 all out MF

MILLWOOD LOSE OUT

THERE was a disappointing result for Millwood Bowls Club in the latest round of the Munro Cup, losing by a margin of 38 shots to Penarth.

After six ends, Penarth held a four-shot advantage 24-20, and after 12 ends the score had increased to 54-44 in Penarth's favour.

The game finished in a 95-57 win for Penarth Rectory Road. Back to the drawing board for Millwood!

Communities First celebrate new kit!



Barry Communities First and partners took on a young Barry Llamau recently to celebrate the partnership between the two organisations at the Colcot Sports Centre, Barry.

As part of this partnership, Barry Communities First have provided Llamau with a full football kit to take part in the National StreetGames league.

The Barry Communities First team consisted of a mix of Vale of Glamorgan Council employees, Careers Wales, South Wales Police, Newydd Housing Association and the Community Champion for Barry Morrison's.

Llamau donning their new purple kit started off brightly by taking an early lead through a deceptive header from David Budd. Communities First then struck an equaliser with StreetGames Coach and

Morrison Community Champion Mark Nickerson scoring from a rebound after his initial 12 yard shot had hit the post.

Communities First continued to press and eventually took the lead through a well-placed finish by Newydd Housing Association worker Jon Hussey from a cross.

In the second half Amos Geary from the Vale FACT team converted a penalty to make it 3-1 before a well-placed shot by Kasim Gehlan made it 3-2 to give Llamau hope of a late comeback. In the closing stages of the game Mark Nickerson scored again after intercepting a pass from Aidy 'Higuita' Gratton resulting in a pin point finish.

It was a hard fought match with both teams putting in 100 per cent effort but Communities First and partners triumphed 4-2. After the game a presentation was held to give the Llamau team a goodie bag of

sports and Communities First equipment.

Llamau chief executive, Frances Beecher, said: "Llamau has an excellent relationship with Communities First and the people and communities of Barry, and this is another example of the great work that we do together."

"Llamau is the leading homelessness charity for the most vulnerable young people and women in Wales. Our mission is to enable homeless young people and vulnerable women to achieve their potential."

Communities First would also like to thank Morrison's and the Community Health and Wellbeing Coach, Hazel James for providing and preparing the half-time refreshments for both teams.

For more information on Barry Communities First and the projects that we run please contact 01446 709432 or visit www.BarryCommunitiesFirst.org. MD

BRYNHILL LADIES OPEN BRAVES THUNDERSTORM

RIGHT: Brynhill Ladies Open winners Pauline Pearson, Lorraine Gormack, Marilyn Smith with Carole Bumford and Glynis Gould.

ON Saturday, June 28, the annual Ladies Open competition was played at Brynhill Golf Club.

The format was a Stableford team event, with three players in each team, which most ladies enjoyed.

The competition started in warm, sunny weather which, unfortunately, deteriorated when a thunderstorm descended.

However, the competition went on as all the ladies continued playing and eventually the sun shone again.

Prizewinners: First, Pauline Pearson, Lorraine Gormack, Marilyn S, 87 points - Alice Springs; Second, Suzanne Bounds, Liz Fine, Linda Hewlett, 84 points - Brynhill; Third, Pauline Smith, Gill Webb, Chris Thomas, 80 points - Pontnewydd.

Nearest the pin: Thelma Thomas - St Mary's; Longest drive: Linda Hewlett - Brynhill; Two's competition, two winners, Julie Harkin and Thelma Thomas.

The captain, Mrs Carole Bumford, thanked the ladies from ten visiting clubs for their support and was pleased to see some of the visitors were winners.

She also expressed her thanks to Brynhill golfers and all the people who had helped to make it another successful and well-supported event.

Lady captain's prize day
ON June 23, 43 Brynhill ladies competed in the lady captain's prize day.

The perfect weather contributed to making it a very successful and well-supported competition.

The prizes were presented in the evening and many ladies returned to enjoy the social occasion.

Silver winner: Shirley Lewis; silver runner-up: Lynda Lloyd.

Bronze winner: Andrea Page; bronze runner-up, Jane Phillips.

Congratulations to the lady captain, Mrs Carole Bumford, for organising yet another successful event.



LEFT: Bronze winner, Andrea Page (centre). BOTTOM LEFT: Bronze runner-up, Jane Phillips.

Brynhill results

JUNIOR Gold Cup, July 6:

Winner - Johns Windle and Clive Cureton 64, runners-up - Neil Griffiths and Richard Mason 65 (back nine 31).

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